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Lett: A sailor aboard the USS Abraham Lincoin directs an SH-60B Seahawk, assigned to the carrier's Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light Four Seven, to land on the Lincoln's flight deck Monday following a trip to Aceh, Indonesia, for disaster-relief missions.

Above: A Navy flight crewman carries an injured evacuee at the airport in Banda Aceh. As it raised its death toll from last week's earthquake and tsunami to almost 100,000, Indonesia said it plans to team with its neighbors to establish an early-warning system for natural disasters.

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World

Iraq's neighbors meeting: Iran believes there is no reason for a meeting of Iraq's neighbors planne later this week in Amman Tehran's

ambassador to Jordan said Monday in a further indication of a strain in relations after accusations by Jordan's King Abdullah II that Iran was seeking to influence the upcoming Iraqi elections.

A day earlier, Tehran said Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi would not attend Thursday's meeting.

Iran will be represented by one of its dep uty foreign ministers, Golam Ali Khorsho, Jordanian Foreign Ministry snokesman Raja Sukiyaki told the official Jordanian

news agency Pert on Monday Jordan has invited the foreign ministers of Iraq's other neighbors — Iran, Turkey, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Syria - and rep resentatives from Iraq, Egypt and Bahrain to the meeting.

The U.N. special representative for Iraq, Ashraf Qazi, also will attend the meeting, Foreign Ministry spokesman Sukayri told

Afghan-Pakistan border clash: Afghanistan ordered extra troops to its border with Pakistan after an exchange of artillery and mortar fire with Pakistani troops on the other side, an Afghan general said Monday.

Gen. Khial Baz, commander of a militia division in the eastern province of Khost, said he had reports of Pakistani troops moving toward the mountainous frontier, and that he had ordered his men to also reinforce Afghan border posts.

He wouldn't say how many Afghan troops ere being mobilized or when they would leave their barracks.

Baz said several artillery rounds whistled over the border into Khost's Gurbuz district on Monday morning. No casualties were renorted

Six on trial in terror plot: Six men, including a top terrorism suspect in France, were going on trial on Monday accused of plotting to bomb the U.S. Embassy in Paris a plan allegedly concocted in terror training camps in Afghanistan.

The trial is expected to highlight the overlapping tentacles of terror networks in Europe. The investigation into the alleged plot was opened on Sept. 10, 2001 — a day before the U.S. terror attacks - following the arrest of suspected ringleader Djamel Beghal

The suspects are charged with criminal association with a terrorist enterprise, and risk up to 10 years in prison if convicted.

Gaza withdrawal: An Israeli border policeman gives instructions as officers scuffle with Jewish settlers while dismantling an illegal structure at an outpost outside the Jewish settlement of Yitzhar, near the West Bank town of Nablus on Monday, Some 100 settlers who came from other settlements confronted police and army trying to evacuate two caravans from the illegal outpost while Jewish settler leaders warned that hundreds, and possibly thousands, of soldiers could refuse to carry out orders to evict Gaza Strip settlers.

The trial is to last until Feb. 16.

States

Algerian deported: A man who met with two Sept. 11 hijackers before they crashed an American Airlines jet into the Pentagon has been deported to Algeria, the Department of Homeland Security said Friday.

Samir Abdoun, 38, was arrested 11 days after the 2001 attacks and convicted of immigration and passport violations and Social Security fraud, officials said. He remained in U.S. custody until arrangements could be worked out with the Algerian government.

Armed federal agents escorted Abdoun onto a commercial flight Thursday in San Diego; he arrived Friday in Algeria, where authorities took him into custody, said Lauren Mack, a department spokeswoman.

Young mayor: One of the youngest mayors in the country has resigned three years into his four-year term to pursue opportunities outside the state.

Chris Portman, who was 19 when he took office in Mercer three years ago, announced his resignation in a letter dated Dec. 28. He said nothing further about why he was leaving.

Portman's election drew the national snotlight to Mercer, a borough of 2,400 people about 55 miles north of Pittsburgh. He met financier Donald Trump and President Bush, and was featured in Rolling Stone magazine and on MTV

Naval Academy survey: Women at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., are feeling more at home at the military college, according to the latest survey of midshipmen.

The anonymous survey, administered by the academy annually since 1994, shows female midshipmen are more at ease in their relationships with male midshipmen, feel safer at their coed dorms and are less hindered by concerns of sexual harassment.

"We're hopeful it reflects a greater level of comfort and less angst between men and women in the brigade," said Vice Adm. Rodney Rempt, superintendent of the academy.

About 16 percent of students at the acade-

my are female. A total of 2,777 midshipmen, including 443 women, took the survey in October, 3,125 upperclassmen were eligible. The findings, recently presented to the school's oversight board, were reported Sunday by The (Baltimore) Sun.

The survey showed student satisfaction with the academy rose to 90 percent. That's compared with 83 percent in 2003, a year that saw the resignation of superintendent Vice Adm. Richard Naughton and several high-profile allegations of sexual assault.

War on terrorism

Soldiers return: With family members cheering, more than 700 U.S. National Guard soldiers were welcomed home in an emotional ceremony after a 15-month tour of duty, including more than nine months on the ground in Iraq.

Dressed in desert fatigues, members of the 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry of the New York Army National Guard marched into MaGrath Gymnasium at Fort Drum on Sunday night, and came to a halt.

The unit was the first New York Guard infantry organization ordered to federal active duty for wartime service since World War II, replacing mostly active duty combat units already in Iraq.

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Post allowance up for DOD civilians in S. Korea

BY TERI WEAVER

Stars and Stripes SEOUL - Post allowance for Defense Department civilian workers throughout South Korea will increase from 10 percent to 15 percent of base salary starting in Wednesday's paychecks, according to mili-

tary officials. Post allowance is meant to help government workers living abroad have the same buying power they would in the United States The formula is based on "spendable Increase from 10 percent to 15 percent meant to compensate for dollar's decline against won

income," or what a person typically spends on goods off-base

The change would mean almost \$1,000 extra a year for a civilian employee making from \$42,000 to \$44,999 annually. Instead of getting \$1,980 a year in post allowance, that worker would get \$2,970 annual-

ly, according to the State Department's Web site

The change is to compensate for the shrinking purchasing power of the ailing dollar. On Monday, 1,000 won was worth 97 cents, according to commercial exchange rates

won worth 99 cents.
In November 2000, the exchange rate hovered around 1,200 won for every dollar. meaning it took only 83 cents to buy a thousand-won note.

Financial experts have said they expect the dollar to fall below the 1.000-won mark early this year

To calculate specific increases, go to www.state.gov/m/a/als/1736.htm.

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S. Korean officials pass \$186 billion '05 national budget

Lawmakers earmark \$96.4M for the U.S. military's Seoul-to-Pyongtaek relocation

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BY FRANKLIN FISHER Stars and Strines

South Korean lawmakers have passed a 2005 national budget that earmarks funds toward the U.S. military's eventual move of its forces from

Seoul to the Pyongtack region The National As-

sembly passed the \$186 billion budget late Friday by a vote of 201 to 56 with 12 abstentions

The budget sets aside about \$96.4 million for the Seoul-to-Pyongtack relocation, ac cording to an Assembly official. Under a South

Korean-U.S. agreement, U.S. military eventually will move its troops and organizations from Yongsan Garrison and 13 smaller installations

Seoul to Camp Humphreys and Osan Air Base in Pvongtaek. The total projected cost of the relocation to west central South

Korea, to be carried out over the next several years, is \$3.4 billion. Key to the move is enlarging Camp Humphreys' borders to make room for the U.S. forces to be moved there eventually, as well as somewhat enlarging Osan

Air Base. A detailed master plan

Korean would spend part of the earmarked funds to buy the needed land.

"It means they can start actually buying land now and we can

get the master plan under way and some initial design work which are really the next steps we need to accom-plish," Army Col. Daniel Wilson. chief engineer for Forces Korea in Seoul, told Stars and Stripes on Mon-

day. The Assembly's vote to pass the budget bill came at virtually the last minute Friday night, narrowly heating a midnight deadline. Associated The reported. Had the deadline passed without a budget. South Korea would have

faced the need for

budget for the

emergency

Army Col. Daniel Wilson U.S. Forces Korea

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first time in its history. The Assembly also voted Friday night to extend for another year the deployment of the 3,600 troops of South Korea's Zaytun Unit in the northern Iraqi town of

wang Hae-rym contributed this report.

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also must be drawn up first. Correction

A story in the Jan. 1-2 double edition recounting the major events of 2004 erroneously reported the number of homes destroyed by hurricanes in Florida. The four major storms of 2004 destroyed 25,000 homes, not 2,500

'Jeopardy!' audition or hearing test?



an Jared Benner of Surry, Maine, participates in an annual hearing test in USS Kitty Hawk's aviation medicine lab. The hearing conservation program is designed to monitor sailors' hearing abilities when their working environment is considered a high-level noise area

40 airmen from 374th Airlift Wing deploy to southwest Asia to support war on terrorism

Approximately 40 airmen from the 374th Airlift Wing at Yokota Air Base near Tokyo boarded aircraft Monday afternoon to denloy to various bases in southwest Asia in support of the war on ter-

The airmen were given a farewell by about 200 family, friends and base commanders before departing to "support the complex

operations going on in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Free-dom." said Col. Mark Schissler. 374th Airlift Wing commander.

So far, more than 300 airmen from Yokota have deployed in connection with the war on terrorism, according to Yokota officials

The airmen who left Monday including air wing staff members - specialize in communications, maintenance, civil engineering, operations support and logistics readiness, the command-

"No aircraft or equipment is being deployed to Southwest Asia from Yokota," Schissler said. "We do have three air crews actively flying missions in the AOR (area of responsibility)." Most of the other deployed personnel "are in direct supporting roles," he said.

The airmen are expected to re turn in 120 days.

Bomb scare closes Guam highway

A Navy explosive ordnance team responded Monday to a report of a suspicious unattended suitcase outside a bank in the Guam village of Tamuning.

The suitcase later was deemed harmless, said a Commander Naval Forces Marianas spokesman.

The Navy's Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 5 was called to the bank by the Guam Police Department shortly after 8:45 a.m. A Guam police spokesman said the manager of Bank Pacific found the suitcase outside the building and immediately

called authorities

Also called to the scene were the Guam Fire Department and police officers from the Tamuning-Tumon precinct, who quickly closed Marine Corps Drive, the island's main corridor, for more than two hours. Camp Watkins Road also was closed, police said.

Nearby businesses were evacuated while the EOD team carefully examined the suitcase, the Navy spokesman said

The roads were reopened at 11:15 a.m.

From staff reports

16 die in 3 separate Iraq car bombings

BY DUSAN STOJANOVIC

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A roadside explosion and three separate car bombs — one near the prime minister's party headquarters in Baghdad — killed at least 16 people on Monday as insurgents pressed their deadly campaign to disrupt national elections which Iraq's defense minister said could be postponed.

A car bomb exploded late Monday at a U.S.-manned checkpoint to the Green Zone, the heavily fortified area that houses the U.S. Embassy and Iraqi government offices, U.S. Embassy spokesman Bob Callahan said. U.S. troops surrounded a burning SUV at the scene.

Three bodies were seen burning inside the destroyed vehicle. The nationalities of the victims, identified as employees of the U.S.-based risk consulting group Kroll Inc., were not immediately known.

Iraqi police Lt. Khalid Mohammed said the bomb targeted a U.S. nonmilitary convoy and there were casualties at the checkpoint, which is the main Green Zone exit for trips to Baghdad International Airport west of the city. American contractors and diplomats commonly make the journey along the dangerous airport road in SUVs.

Meanwhile, Iraqi defense minister Hazem Shaalan raised the possibility Monday that Iraqi elections could be postponed to try to persuade minority Sunni Muslims to participate in the vote.

The first strike, by an explosive-laden car near Interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's party headquarters, killed two police officers and one civilian and injured 25 others. The secular Shiite leader was not inside the building in Bagh-



Iraqi and American security forces inspect the site of an explosion at a checkpoint in western Baghdad on Monday. A suicide bomber blew up an explosives-laden car near the prime minister's party headquarters, killing two police officers and one civilian and injuring 25 other Iraqis as insurgents pressed their campaign to disrupt national elections.

dad's western district of Harithiya when the blast occurred, his aides said.

The second car bomb attack took place in Balad, about 50 miles north of the capital, killing four Iraqi National Guard soldiers and wounding 14, U.S. military spokesman Neal E. O'Brien said. The driver of the car bomb died in the block.

The third strike occurred in Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, killing at least six Guardsmen and injuring four others in a roadside explosion, police said.

Car bombings and roadside explosions have become a standard feature of the deadly insurgency in Iraq ahead of the elections scheduled for Jan. 30. On Sunday, a car bombing also in Balad killed

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Dass

As of Sunday at least 1,329 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,042 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said. The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is one higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. Thursday.

The British military has reported 76 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 16; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each, and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia one death each

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,191 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 933 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

No deaths reported.
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No identifications reported.

at least 22 national guardsmen and their bus driver. Ten other people were killed in separate attacks Sunday.

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lence ahead of the landmark vote for a national assembly, and the guerrillas have made good on those fears with tragic ease. Iraq's poorly equipped security forces usually have far less training than American troops, and attacks on them usually result in more casual-

Police said the first car exploded shortly before 10 a.m. Monday after trying to ram a police checkpoint outside the offices of Allawi's Iraqi National Accord party in a western Baghdad district. The driver was killed in addi-

The driver was killed in addition to the two policemen and civilian. Eighteen other officers were among the wounded as well as seven civilians. Witnesses said machine-gun fire broke out after the explosion, which set fire to three police vehicles.

The radical Ansar al-Sunnah Army claimed responsibility for the strike in Baghdad.

An Iraqi policeman was killed and two others were wounded when a beheaded, booby-trapped corpse exploded in the town of Mosul as "Iraqi police officers secured the site and attempted to search the remains in order to identify the body," a government statement said Monday. It was not clear when the incident happened.

Meanwhile on Sunday, prominent Shiite leaders belonging to the Unified Iraqi Alliance — a mainstream Shiite coalition rumning in the election — called for unity with Sunni Arabs wanting to delay the vote but insisted it be held despite the violence. Shiites. Who make un 60 percent

stimes, who make up on perceiv of Iraq's 26 million people, are eager for the vote to go ahead so they can take power long denied them when the Sunni Arab minority had power under Saddam Hussein. But they hope the Sunnis, who make up about 20 percent of the people, will participate lest the vote be considered illestimate.

Arab paper reports mess hall bomber was a Saudi

By Maamoun Yousser The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — The suicide bomber who killed 22 people when he blew himself up in a U.S. mess hall in Mosul, Iraq, was a Saudi medical student, an Arab newspaper reported Monday.

Saudi-owned Asharq Al-Awsat identified him as 20-year-old Ahmed Said Ahmed al-Ghamdi, citing unnamed friends of the man's father.

The friends said members of an Iraqi resistance group contacted al-Ghamdi's father to tell him his son was the suicide bomber who carried out the Dec. 21 attack, the deadliest on an American installation in Iraq.

The U.S.-led coalition that top-

The U.S.-led coalition that toppled Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein has faced fierce resistance, most of it carried out by Saddam loyalists or Iraqi nationalists. Some of the deadliest attacks have been blamed on foreign Muslim extremists.

U.S. officials have said their preliminary investigation indicates the bomber was dressed in an Iraqi military uniform — but was not an Iraqi soldier — when he slipped into a mess tent packed with soldiers eating lunch in northern Iraq.

The father refused to discuss the suicide bombing, but he told the newspaper his son had gone to Iraq to fight the Americans and had died there. The family held a mourning ceremony, the paper said. It did not say when the ceremony was held or where in Saudi Arabia the family lived.

The paper did not name the Iraqi resistance group. But Ansar al-Sunnah, a radical Islamic Iraqi group that has been active in northern Iraq, claimed responsibility for the mess hall attack. In a videotape posted on the Web, Ansar al-Sunnah identified the suicide bomber as Abu Omar al-Musali—an apparent nom de guerre meaning Abu Omar of Mosul.

The man identified as Abu Omar al-Musali appeared in the Web video wearing an explosives-laden vest, but did not speak. Another man, speaking in an Iraqi accent, described how the operation had been planned. A subse-

quent segment showed what appeared to have been the attack.

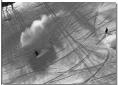
Ansar al-Sunnah shares the anti-Western, Quranic rhetoric of Islamic extremist groups like al-Qaida, but has confined its fight to Iraq and has not actively recruited foreign fighters. The group, though, has declared that it

worked with an al-Qaida branch in Iraq on at least one operation, in November.

Asharq al-Awsat said al-Ghamdi started studying medicine in Sudan when his father worked and lived there. Al-Ghamdi stayed to complete his studies when his family returned to Saudi Arabia, the paper reported, without saying

It said the father said he learned Dec. 16 that his son had withdrawn all the money left in a Sudanese bank account for him and later received a phone call from his son telling him that he was in Iraq to fight the Americans.

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Report: N. Korea sold arms to rebels

Philippine extremist group reportedly paid \$2.2M for weapons

BY YOSHINARI KUROSE

JAKARTA, Indonesia - North Korea sold more than 10,000 rifles and other weapons in 1999 and 2000 to the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, the largest pro-al-Oaida extremist group in the Philippines, according to South-

east Asian security sources.

Between 1999 and 2002, North Korea also attempted to sell submersible vessels to the MILF, which is fighting for independence for Mindanao in the southern Philippines, the sources said.

North Korea's submersible infiltration craft are believed to be capable of carrying suicide bombers and other insurgents to coastal areas near targets. Security authorities in Southeast Asia have heightened their level of alert and are sharing information about North Korean arms smuggling operations, the sources said.

Security authorities uncovered the MILF's weapon purchases after confiscating docu-ments in November from the Mindanao-based Muslim rebel faction and other evidence. The sources said the deals were done mostly in Ma-

In mid-1999, a North Korean arms dealer, identifying himself as Rym Kyu Do, and Ghazali Jaafar, vice chairman for political affairs of the front, signed a contract for North Korean shipments — worth about \$2.2 million of 10,000 M16 automatic rifles, 200 assault rifles, grenades and related components, the sources said.

The relevant security authorities confirmed that the MILF issued two checks for a total of \$1 million to North Korea via a Malaysian intermediary on Sept. 25, 1999, as a deposit for

the arms transaction. The rifles grenades and components were delivered by sea in a number of installments to a MILF-controlled district in Mindanao by the end of 2000 through a third country, be lieved to be Malaysia, the sources said.

In a separate transaction, the Philippine rebel faction told North Korea in June 1999 of its desire to procure more than one submers-ible vessel from North Korea. Subsequently, both sides entered into negotiations, reaching an agreement around 2002. The MILF is thought to have paid a guarantee of several hundreds of thousands dollars to North Korea. But the submarine deal was suspended because security authorities got wind of

the transaction, the sources said.

According to Philippine authorities, the financed its operations with the proceeds of two sources ceeds of two sources — the smuggling of mari-juana and stimulant drugs grown or produced y its members and financial assistance from

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GI killed in firefight with Afghan insurgents

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan - An American soldier was killed and three others wounded in a clash with militants in eastern Afghanistan early Monday, the U.S. military said. It was the second American fatality in as many days.

Spokesman Maj. Mark Mc-Cann said the firefight occurred near Asadabad in Kunar province after two homemade bombs targeting coalition forces went off.

"Resulting from that engagement ... one U.S. soldier was killed and three were wounded," he told a news confer-

ence. Kunar is part of a swath of southern and eastern Afghanistan where insurgents contin-ue to defy the 18,000-strong U.S.-led force still hunting remnants of the former ruling Tali-ban regime and al-Oaida. three years after the Islamic hard-liners were ousted from

Col. Gary Cheek, the commander of U.S. forces in the eastern region, said he recently sent additional troops to Kunar to help persuade the local population to stop giving refuge to militants.

The mountainous area next to the Pakistani border is viewed as a stronghold of renegade Afghan warlord Gulbud-din Hekmatyar, a former prime minister who has joined the Taliban in vowing to drive out foreign troops and topple

the U.S.-backed government.
"I am confident they (residents) will deny the sanctuary to the insurgents and we will drive them from the Kunar area," Cheek told the news con-

Monday's clash came a day after one U.S. soldier and a former Afghan militia leader were killed in a gunfight when American troops tried to search the man's home in western Herat province.

McCann said the Afghan, Mullah Dost Mohammed. opened fire first.

He said Mohammed was targeted for involvement in "activties counterproductive to secu-

At least 118 U.S. soldiers have died here since Enduring Washington's Freedom,

anti-terrorism began in late 2001. This week's two American casualties are the first this year and also the first since

the start of Operation Lightning Freedom, the latest phase of the U.S. military operation in Afghanistan, which began after Hamid Karzai's inauguration as the country's first di-rectly elected president in

The operation is supposed to bolster security ahead of parliamentary elections slated for

Abbas pledges Palestinian refugees will return to homes

BY IBRAHIM BARZAK

The Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Mahmoud Abbas, the leading candidate in next week's presidential election, on Monday promised Palestinian refugees they'll be able to return home one day his most explicit comment yet on an explosive issue that has derailed peace talks in the past

He's still far too moderate for the militant group Hamas, however, which demanded that he apologize for requesting a halt to rocket attacks against Israel.

Also Monday, for the first time a soldier called on his comrades to disobey an order to evacuate an unauthorized West Bank settlement, spelling more trouble for the plan to leave the Gaza Strip this summer.

The off-duty soldier was arrested, the military said.

Abbas was campaigning for a third straight day in Gaza, trying to counter his image as a gray bureaucrat who might not stand up to Israel by appealing to younger, more militant Palestinians

After embracing militant lead-



Interim Palestinian leader and presidential front-runner Mahmoud Abbas, left, dances with a Palestinian woman during a campaign stop Monday in Gaza City.

eventually gain their rights, and

the day will come when the refu-gees return home," Abbas told

ancient city in northern Israel.

The refugees and their descen

dants total about 4 million people.

the cheering crowd. Abbas himself is from Safed, an

ers in refugee camps and pledging to stand by the gunmen in their struggle to avoid capture by Israel. Abbas took an uncompromising stance on the refugee

Addressing a rally in Gaza City, Abbas said Palestinian refugees

and their descendants from the two-year war that followed Israel's creation in 1948 have the right to return to their original

"We will never forget the rights of the refugees, and we will never forget their suffering. They will

Cuba re-establishes Europe contacts

HAVANA - Cuba said Monday it had re-established formal contacts with European nations including France, Germany and Britain in a quest to normalize relations after a nearly two-year-long

Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque said the decision was made after a European Union commission recommended that member states stop inviting Cuban dissidents to national holiday celebrations at their embassies in Havana.

Roque said Cuban authorities would immediately start meeting with ambassadors from eight European countries: France, Britain, Germany, Italy, Austria, Greece, Portugal and Sweden.

Mom allegedly tosses baby out window

MADRID. Spain - A Spanish woman has been arrested on suspicion of killing her newborn son by throwing him out the window of a third-story apartment, police said Monday.

The 30-year-old woman's mother and sister, who lived with her, also were arrested over Sunday's incident in the town of Buriassot in eastern Valencia province, a police official there said.

He said the mother's motive was not known. News reports said the infant still had his umbilical cord attached when he was thrown from the window, hit a car and landed on the sidewalk. Police found him just barely alive. The child died later in a hospi-

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Task force official outlines relief plans

BY FRED ZIMMERMAN Stars and Strines

UTAPAO, Thailand - More than a week after a massive, deadly tsunami pulverized many south-ern Asia Pacific coasts, U.S. military personnel are flowing steadily into the area along with a seemingly endless stream of aircraft filled with supplies for a massive

All U.S. military efforts in the region fall under Joint Task Force 536, being commanded by It Gen Robert R Blackman of the Okinawa-based III Marine Evpeditionary Force. The task force headquarters, an air base here, also is a major embarkation point for relief supplies

plies here and distributing them from here," said Marine Lt. Col. Robert Krieg, a joint task force operations planning team member. Three disaster relief assessment teams, in Sri Lanka; Phuket, Thailand; and Indonesia "are determining what the need is."

Current plans are to use Uta-

supplies out to the "spokes," said Marine Lt. Col. Pat Martin, also

on the operations planning team. "This is going to be the biggest joint task force I've ever seen,' Martin said. Teams throughout the region will request supplies needed most in their areas. "They're going to know better

While a recent humanitarian relief mission to the Philippines lasted several weeks. Krieg predicted the tsunami's damage is so severe, and relief efforts are likely to be so extensive, that this operation will take much longer

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PACOM troops rally to assist in aid effort

DODDS-Pacific teachers vacationing in region all safe and accounted for

BY GREG TYLER

Stare and Strings

Pacific Command elements delivering critical supplies and expertise to Asian nations devastated last month by a catastrophic tsunami continue to provide humanitarian assistance and evaluate the destruction for additional needs.

Statistics from the U.S. Pacific Command in Hawaii show 14 strategic lift cargo planes were flying food, supplies and equipment to Thailand, Sri Lanka and Indonesia, and 48 helicopters continuously were deliv ering those supplies to areas most desperately in need of relief.

In addition, as of Monday afternoon, 20 U.S. Navy ships were providing logistical and coordination support for relief efforts, including the USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group, USS Bonhomme Richard and Expeditionary Strike Group 5 and the USS Fort McHenry, an amphibious dock landing ship from Sasebo Naval Base, Japan.

More than 15,000 U.S. Navy, Marine, Army, Air Force and Coast Guard servicemembers are involved in relief support, according to PACOM.

"We will continue to send more if needed," a PACOM spokeswoman said Monday. "As we receive more information from the assessments that are being conducted, we can then determine more about the needs of the region."

An estimated 5 million residents in nine Asian nations are homeless after an Indian Ocean earthquake measuring 9.0 on the Richter scale created the killer tsunami Dec. 26. The overall death toll is forecast to hit 150,000.

Col. Mark O. Schissler, commander of the 374th Airlift Wing at Yokota Air Base, said Monday, "We already have about 150 people deployed from Yokota in support of hu manitarian relief operations; that number could easily double to over 300

An eighth C-130 deployed Sunday. "We've deployed all our C-130 aircraft and most of our crew force," Schissler said, "and they began flying relief missions immediately after they arrived

The commander said 374th Airlift Wing aircraft maintenance personnel and those with other specialties also are deployed.

"If you've been watching TV coverage of the disaster, you've already seen the gray C-130 tails with 'YJ' painted on them; those are Yokota aircraft," the commander said. Based for the disaster relief effort in Utapao, Thailand, "they're flying missions throughout the affected countries to deliver relief supplies and teams to begin the massive recovery.

Military supports tsunami relief effort

More than 15,000 U.S. Navy, Marine, Army, Air Force and Coast Guard servicemembers are involved in relief support. Approximately 20 U.S. Navy ships are in the immediate area providing logistical and coordination support for relief efforts. Fourteen strategic lift rango planes are flying food, supplies and equipment to supply hubs into Thailand, Srt Lanka and Indonesia, Forty-eight helicopters are continuously delivering those supplies to the areas desperately in need of relief supplies.

U.S. Marine Corps assets

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 362 at Marine Corps Base Hawaii: 100 Marines and sailors from Marine

Aviation Logistics Squadron 24. 6 CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopters to be airlifted by C-5 Galaxy cargo aircraft. 1st Marine Aircraft Wing at Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, Okinawa:

Medium and heavy lift helicopters. Four C-130s to deliver relief personne

and supplies and to conduct medical evacuations.

3rd Marine Aircraft Wing at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif.: KC-130s to Colombo, Sri Lanka, to assist

9th Communications Battalion at Camp Pendleton, California, will depart for Phuket, Thailand, to provide essential communications support throughout the

U.S. Air Force assets

Air assets: C-130E: 7 aircraft

HH-60: 10 (at Kadena will be moving

ard on airlift to Colombo) HH-60: 10 (USFK aeromedical evac helos) KC-135: Providing air transport and aircraft continue to flow inter-theater airlift. EMEDS: Expeditionary Medical Sup capability prepared to depart Yokota Air Base Japan, and deploy to region TALCE: Tanker Airlift Control Element capabilities being set up at five locations throughout the region to transport relief supplies, people and equipment. JCOMS: VTC equipment en route to Utapao, Phuket and Sri Lanka,

Air Force personnel: Currently on ground: 225 Inbound: 1.175

U.S. Navy assets

USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group: 6,164 personnel USS Bonhomme Richard and Expeditionary Strike Group 5: 5.286 personnel.

Nine P-3C Orion surveillance aircraft from Patrol Squadron (VP) 8 and VP-4.
Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit 6 out of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii,

31-person preventive medical team to Indonesia to monitor water quality, food sanitation and mosquitoes, and will participate in disease outbreak surveillance, chemical analysis.

Six Maritime Pre-positioning Ships from Maritime Prepositioning Ship Squadron Three are underway to the Gulf of Thailand from South Korea and Guam.

Stars and Stripes



SETH C. PETERSON/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Helicopters from Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron 2 and Helicopter Anti-Submarine Light Squadron 47 depart from USS Abraham Lincoln Monday en route to Banda Aceh, Sumatra, Indonesia. The helicopters are transporting supplies, bringing in disaster relief teams and supporting humanitarian airlifts to tsunamistricken coastal regions.

Since relief operations began, approxi- rale shown by airmen deploying to tsunamately 170 airmen have deployed from mi-stricken areas. Yokota and around 57 tons of cargo have

Along with relief units already in place, een delivered.

about 200 Marine engineers and communiSchissler said he is impressed by the mocations specialists from Okinawa's 3rd E-mail Greg Tyler at: tylerg@pstripes.osd.mll

Force Service Support Group were scheduled to arrive in Sri Lanka on Tuesday, the PACOM spokeswoman said.

An estimated 100 Marines and sailors and six CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopters from Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 362 at Marine Corps Base Hawaii were airlifted via C-5 Galaxy cargo aircraft from Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, to the region over the weekend; HMH-362 will transport emergency relief supplies and help evacuate the injured

In addition, Marine Corps officials on Okinawa said six flights left Okinawa on Saturday carrying Humvees: Meals, Ready to Eat: water and communications gear.

Officials at PACOM declined to comment on whether the tsunami damage or the massive relief effort would affect scheduled military exercises in the region, especially Cobra Gold, the signature multilateral exercise held annually each spring in Thailand.

Last year's exercise involved 13,500 U.S. troops, 5,500 Thais and a combined force of 100 military personnel from the Philippines, Singapore and Mongolia, as well as observers from 11 other countries. Besides forging joint warfare skills, each Cobra Gold exercise also includes humanitarian relief, skills now being put to use in the tsunami relief efforts.

Some good news came Monday when a Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Pacific Division spokesman said none of the DODDS teachers known to have been vacationing in the rayaged areas were killed, and all were accounted for.

David Allen contributed to this report

Ex-presidents to lead tsunami fund-raising

Bush taps father, Clinton to seek private donations for victims in regions of Asia

BY TERENCE HUNT

WASHINGTON - President Bush on Monday tapped two former presidents his father. President George H.W. Bush. and his predecessor, President Clinton — to lead a nationwide, private fund-raising campaign to help victims of the Asian tsunamis.

"I ask every American to contribute as they are able to do so." Bush said in the White House's Roosevelt Room, the two former presidents at his side

Clinton and the first President Bush are to lead an effort to encourage the American people and businesses to support relief and reconstruction activities in areas devastated by the tsunamis, the president said. He also ordered that American flags fly at half-staff all week in sympathy for "the victims of a great tragedy," particular-ly the many thousands of dead and orphaned children.

"In the coming days, Presidents Clinton and Bush will ask Americans to donate directly to reliable charities already provid-

ing help to tsunami victims." Bush said. "I've asked the former presidents to solicit contributions both large and small."

The president urged Americans to give money instead of other items. "Cash dona-tions are most useful," he said.

The announcement came as the White House has been scrambling to repair an image battered at home and abroad by perceptions that U.S. aid for the tsunamis lagged behind other countries - especially considering the outpouring of support for America from other countries in the hours and days immediately following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks

Bush himself has not yet made a personal contribution, but plans to give an unspecified amount, McClellan said.

Later Bush, accompanied by first lady Laura Bush, his father and Clinton, paid brief visits to the embassies of the four nations hit hardest by the disaster - Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India and Thailand.

At the Indonesian and Indian embassies. Laura Bush presented officials with bouquets of white roses and the foursome



ent Bush announces Monday in the Roosevelt Room at the White House that he is appointing former presidents George H.W. Bush, left, and Bill Clinton, right, to head up efforts to raise money for U.S. relief operations in the tsunami-battered regions of Asia.

The president also was waiting to hear back from a delegation he dispatched to the

States government can do to help. Led by Secretary of State Colin Powell and the pres ident's brother. Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, the delegation arrived in the region Monday.



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Sailors and corpsmen assigned to the USS Abraham Lincoln carry a refugee off a helicopter to a U.S. medical tent in Banda Aceh on Sumatra. Indonesia, for treatment. Lincoln and CVW-2 are conducting humanitarian relief efforts in Southeast Asia in wake of the tsunami that struck the area on Dec. 26. SETH C. PETERSON Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Supplies: Relief efforts may take months, says official

SUPPLIES. FROM PAGE 6

"This isn't going to be a quick two-week operation for us," Krieg said. "We'll probably measure this one in months.

Units already are beginning to converge on the region in advance of the assessment teams' final reports, he said. "Things are just going to ramp up from here.' Ships from Expeditionary Strike Group 5 already are sitting

off Sumatra, Krieg said, using 17 helicopters to deliver relief supplies to Indonesia.

The 15th Marine Expedition-

ary Unit now is steaming toward offshore Sri Lanka, another of the nations the tsunami slammed. Krieg said that as the three ships transporting the 15th MEU pass by Indonesia, they also will offer support there. One of the three probably will stay off Sumatra while the remaining two head to Sri Lanka, he said.

Many more troops are yet to ar-rive in the region, but more than 800 U.S. military personnel already are on the ground with the task force.

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Thailand exhumes 300 misidentified victims

BY ALISA TANG

The Associated Press

PHUKET, Thailand — Forensic experts have begun exhuming 300 tsunami victims in Thailand after discovering their bodies apparently were mislabeled in the rush to bury the dead before they decomposed in the tronical heat officials said Monday.

the tropical heat, officials said Monday. In the hopes of avoiding further confusion, Thai government officials and police urged friends and relatives seeking information about the missing to stay away from the disaster area and temporary morgues so forensics experts could do their jobs.

"Relatives want to come here, but we would like them to stay in their home countries and collect information on medical and dental records," Foreign Minister Surakiart Sathirathai said, referring the bereaved to a special Web site pooling information on the missing.

Teams of more than 200 forensic experts from Thailand and 18 other countries are working frantically at Buddhist temples that serve as makeshift morgues to identify the dead, many of whom were foreign tour-

At one, several hundred bodies lay on the ground, covered by tarps or body bags. Another hundred lay in the sum. A man spraved a cloud of disinfectant. Some of the beaches least affected by the walls of water that battered a long stretch of the country's southern coast Dec. 26 already have been largely cleaned up, and tourists were out swimming and sunning themselves

With \$5,046 confirmed deaths and 3,810 people still listed as missing, Thailand's of-ficial death toll could be as high as 8,000, Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra has warned. The total number of people killed in 11 nations was approaching 150,000 on Mondav.

With Thaksin saying Sunday that Thailand no longer needs financial assistance, the focus was on finding and identifying bodies, along with maintaining the flow of aid to the needy and finding longer-term housing for people who lost their homes.

Heavy machinery worked on the ruins of posh resorts that were flattened around Khao Lak beach, about 50 miles north of Phuket, where Thaksin said the situation remained "quite severe." Elephants helped clear debris

Leading Thai forensic expert Porntip Rojanasunand said 300 victims, all Thais and other Asians, were being exhumed.

"When the relatives came to try to claim the victims' bodies, it turned out they had the wrong number." she said. "The local offices did not put tags on the bodies properly, so we are trying to re-identify them. No one understood how important it is to have the appropriate tagging and labeling. The last two days, we have had the problem of digging up bodies."

In one case, a Thai family admitted it had mistakenly claimed the body of a woman that was brought from Phuket to Bangkok. It turned out to be the body of a 23-year-old Philippine choreographer and ballet dance instructor.

"There were just too many casualties or maybe because Thais and Filipinos look the same. We don't know, but in a disaster of this magnitude, confusion is bound to happen," said Hector Cruz, a Manila-based labor official helping families locate dead, injured or missing relatives in Thailand.

Officials sought to increase their refrigeration capacity to store bodies while DNA samples, fingerprints and dental records are obtained so identification can be made

Stwit Khunkitti, minister of natural resources and environment, said relatives of foreign victims can send DNA samples from their missing loved ones to be matched here in Thailand. Surakiart said relatives should come to the area only when there is a positive identification.

Associated Press writer Miranda Leitsinger contributed to this story.



Thai soldiers carry a coffin from a pile at Yan Yao temple in Takuapa district of Pang-Nga province, southern Thailand, on Monday. Forensic experts have begun exhuming 300 tsunami victims in Thailand after discovering their bodies apparently

Families struggle to recognize relatives

Sri Lanka hospital posts photos hoping for identifications

By CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA The Associated Press

GALLE, Sri Lanka — Balage Shriyani held an old photograph of her 7-year-old daughter, dressed up for a school concert in bangles, makeup and a yellow, ankle-length dress, against a new photograph of a bloated corpse in a sodden blouse.

"It's her," Shriyani sobbed, sinking her head onto her outstretched arm. She had recognized her daughter, Sajini Kaushaya, in a hospital gallery of photographs of unknown victims who died in the Asian tsunami that devastated swaths of the Sri Lankan coast.

Staff at Karapitiya, the main hospital in the southern coastal city of Galle, pasted hundreds of photographs on the walls of a ward on Sunday in hopes that relatives of the missing would be able to identify loved ones. The hospital buried about 1,100 bodies earlier in the week, but was unable to identify 400 of those, deputy director C.D. Pathriage said.

Medics photographed the bodies, took their fingerprints and removed jewelry for possible return to relatives before burying them, but acknowledged that it



Tsunami survivor Balage Shriyani recognizes her missing daughter, Sajini Kaushalya, from a lineup of pictures showing unidentified victims who had to be buried in mass graves. The photos were posted Sunday at the mortuary in the Karapitiya hospital in southern Sri Lanka.

was unlikely they would be able to identify all.

Many of the color photographs show bodies distorted by decomposition, their faces swollen beyond recognition, eyeballs and tongues protruding, lips pulled back in permanent grimaces.

"All the facial features had changed," said hospital doctor S.P.A. Hewage, who hoped families would instead recognize shirts, trousers, belt buckles and tattoos in the photographs. Some of those who died in the tsunami waves a week ago were amputees, making identification easier, he said

The photographs were displayed in a hall that wa recently built as a playground for mentally ill children, and served as a makeshift morgue when truckloads of bodies arrived at the hospital after the disaster. Shriyani studied row after row of gruesome images before identifying the green checkered pattern with red trim of the sleeveless blouse that the girl was wearing on the day of her death.

Shriyani described how she was breast-feeding her 19-dayold baby at her home on the eastern outskirts of Galle when she heard a noise that sounded like a dynamite explosion. She grabbed her two other children and ran out the door, but the waves soon overnowered them.

While Shriyani later found her boy and revived him by pushing on his stomach to make him cough up the sea water, she did not know what had happened to her girl until she saw the photograph on Sunday.

Only a trickle of relatives visited the gallery of photographs on Sunday, partly because the hospital was still trying to get the word out to families who were missing loved ones.

"It's a very difficult process," Pathirage said. "Sometimes the whole family has died, so there are no relations to identify them."

Signs of normalcy return to capital

BY ALAN SIPRESS The Washington Post

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia — A week after a tsunami devastated the western end of Sumatra island, the streets of this provincial capital are beginning to show a semblance of rejuvenation, with markets reopening, power and water restored to nearly half the city and a paralyzing fuel shortage brought to an end.

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The most notable progress came over the weekend as the Indonesian government dispatched scores of bulldozers, backhoes and trucks to excavate mountains of sludge and rubble from significant stretches of downtown streets. The effort has not only helped spark the first strings of commercial activity sturings of commercial activity turials contributed to the military's search for at least 30,000 bodies still believed to be decomposed to the contributed to the military's search for at least 30,000 bodies still believed to be decomposed to the contributed to the military's search for at least 30,000 bodies still believed to be decomposed to the contributed to the military's search for at least 30,000 bodies still believed to be decomposed to the contributed to the military's search for at least 30,000 bodies still believed to be decomposed to the contributed to the military's search for at least 30,000 bodies still believed to be decomposed to the contributed to the military's search for at least 30,000 bodies still believed to be decomposed to the military's search for at least 30,000 bodies still believed to be decomposed to the military's search for at least 30,000 bodies still believed to be decomposed to the military's search for at least 30,000 bodies still believed to be decomposed to the military's search for at least 30,000 bodies still believed to be decomposed to the military's search for at least 30,000 bodies still believed to be decomposed to the military's search for at least 30,000 bodies still believed to be decomposed to the military's search for at least 30,000 bodies still believed to be decomposed to the military's search for at least 30,000 bodies still believed to be decomposed to the military's search for at least 30,000 bodies still believed to be decomposed to the military's search for at least 30,000 bodies still believed to be decomposed to the military's search for at least 30,000 bodies still believed to be decomposed to the military's search for at least 30,000

posing amid the city's debris.
In Banda Aceh, the provincial
capital, the hardest hit areas remain buried under rubble and
impassable by vehicle but neighborhoods farther inland were
largely untouched by the flood.
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By Sunday, however, the Ulee Kareng market about 10 miles from the coast had grown so busy that knots of traffic formed on the main street. Despite reports of price gouging, shoppers jostled for space in front of several dozen stalls erected under blue tarps and corrugated metals roofs. Vendors hawked leafly greens, bananas and oranges off low wood plank tables and live chickens out of woven cages. Hills of brilliant red chili peppers again rose from the gravel on the roadside. "It's still difficult to get

"It's still difficult to get enough supplies here, but more are coming," said Eddy Yahya, 20, a coconut peddler with high cheekbones and thin mustache.

cneektones and tun mustacne. Vendors reported that the accelerating activity was the result of increased truck shipments from Medan, located in North Sumatra province, which provides Aceh province with much of its goods. The road connecting Medan with Banda Aceh was largely spared by the tsunami

Kamarudin Zulfkifli, 29, whose stall sells plastic bags of sugar and cooking oil from Medan, said the first shipments came Friday followed by a sig-

nificant boost a day later. The goods, however, are now commanding inflated prices beyond the reach of many. The prices of some goods have increased by 50 percent and others, such as sugar and cigarettes, have doubled, shoppers said.

Budi Atmadi Adiputro, a top

Budi Atmadi Adiputro, a top Indonesian official overseeing relief and reconstruction efforts and reconstruction efforts to the property of the construction of by the floods, had been restored to about 40 percent of the city, though service was not constant. Power was back on along the entire east coast of Aceh but not down the west coast, which was closer to the epicenter of the service of the city of the coast of the service of the coast which was closer to the epicenter of the summanical coast.

clean drinking water was being supplied to the same areas receiving electricity, he added.

Malaysian tuna boat rescues woman who clung to palm tree for five days

By SEAN YOONG The Associated Press

KIIALA LIIMPIIR Malaysia - A Malaysian tuna ship rescued an Indonesian woman who drifted for five days in the Indian Ocean after last week's tsunami swept her out to sea from her home on Sumatra island, an official said Monday.

Melawati, 23, was spotted alive Friday while clinging to a floating sago palm tree in waters near Aceh province, said Goi Kim Par, manager of the Malaysian International Tuna Port. Melawati uses only one name

She suffered leg injuries be-



Penang Health Director Azmi Shapie said Melawati — who survived by eating the tree's fruit and bark — suffered trauma and would be given counseling before being handed to the Indonesian consulate in Penang

Ship crewmembers told Malaysia's national news agency. Bernama, that Melawati had waved frantically to draw the trawler's attention and was found clad in clothes had been ripped to shreds. She cried throughout her three days aboard the trawler, they added Also, four Indonesian fisher-

men found alive had been on a boat that drifted north for nine days to a remote Indian Ocean island, the Indian coast guard said. The boat's engine broke down before the tsunami hit, said Anil K. Pokhariyal, commander of the coast guard ship.

The men, suffering from shock, were rescued by the coast guard Saturday off Campbell Bay. Pokhariyal told The Associated

They were brought to Port Blair, capital of the Indian archipelago of Andaman and Nicobar islands, on Monday.

Meanwhile, the Malaysian government said it will allow the country's airspace and at least two airports to be used for tsuna-

mi relief operations in Indonesia. The U.N. World Food Program is expected to use the Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Airport on the outskirts of Kuala Lumpur as a staging post for supplies to be dropped off before they are sent on to Aceh province on Sumatra island, the Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

Malaysia also will let the United States use its airspace and northern Langkawi airport to dispatch humanitarian assistance to Aceh the statement added

Regional officials have said airports in the Sumatran towns of Medan and Banda Aceh are overstretched because of the massive amount of aid and personnel ar-



nese woman who lost her father in the Dec. 26 tsunami weeps Monday in Meulaboh, Aceh province, Indonesia. The tsunami hit the province, killing almost 100,000 people.

Indonesia seeks tsunami warnings

Nation will host conference later this week to discuss system, aid

BY LELY T. DJUHARI The Associated Press

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia -Indonesia said Monday it plans to establish an early warning system for disasters with its neighbors, as its death toll from last week's earthquake and tsunami jumped to almost 100,000

Indonesia, which suffered the most death and destruction in last week's disaster, will host a conference later this week of nations hit and major aid donors that is likely to focus on how best to deliver re-

lief efforts. Participants, including U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell and senior United Nations officials, may also discuss ways to establish a multi-country warning system.

Officials say an untold number of deaths could have been pre vented if such a system — which exists in the Pacific Ocean — had been in place on Dec. 26, when a massive earthquake off Indone sia's Sumatra island sent huge waves surging into coastlines of at least a dozen countries on the edge of the Indian Ocean. The death toll is expected to top 150,000 people.

"Indonesia and other neighboring countries plan to set up an early warning to prevent natural disasters, including earthquake and tsunamis," President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono told reporters Monday. "This would be a kind of pre-emptive measure

Yudhoyono didn't specify which countries would be involved, how the impoverished nation planned to finance the system, or how it would work.

Thai Foreign Minister Surakiart Sathirathai, speaking Monday in Phuket, said some of the millions of dollars in donations pouring into the affected countries

"One of the most important things we would like to work on with the United States and several European countries ... is the im-mediate installation of the early warning system and the monitor-ing system," Surakiart said.

Regional leaders were expected to endorse establishing a tsunami early warning system at Thursday's conference, organized by the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

But experts say making such a system work will be an expensive and complex task.

Already Monday, security forc-es were beginning to mass in front of the Jakarta convention center that will host the confer-

Police said 14.000 officers would provide security.

The center is attached to the Hilton hotel part of an Indonesian chain of hotels which Australia warned late last year could be targeted by terror attacks over

Christmas period. Also Monday, Minister of Justice and Human Rights Hamid Awaluddin said the government has issued a policy aimed at human traffickers who might prey on children orphaned in the disaster

"Beginning today all Acehnese children up to 16 years old are banned from being brought abroad," Awaluddin told reporters after a Cabinet meeting. "This policy is aimed at anticipating the issue of child trafficking as well as illegal adoption of the orphans."

Unconfirmed reports in Indone-sia say dozens of children whose parents were killed have already been taken by unidentified peo-ple, some of them possibly child traffickers.
Also Monday, Coordinating

Minister for Welfare Alwi Shihab

said three hospitals in Banda Aceh are now functioning properly. He said he wants the military should be spent on the system. to clean up the town's main Zain-al Abidin Hospital so foreign doctors can operate there.



Melawati is carried away by hospital staff members at the Malaysian International Tuna Port in Penang on Monday. A Malaysian tuna ship rescued Melawati, who drifted for five days in the Indian Ocean.

Tamil rebels bring military discipline to relief effort

BY ARTHUR MAX

The Associated Press KILINOCHCHI Sri Lanka - In times of crisis

envy the authoritarians. Veterans of a long guerrilla war, the Tamil rebels who control northern Sri Lanka moved with military precision to help victims of the Indian Ocean

The speed and efficiency of the massive humanitarian operation showed an administrative capability that underscored the rebels' demand for Tamil in-

dependence from the Sinhalese-dominated south-ern part of Sri Lanka. Within minutes of the disaster, soldiers of the Lib-

eration Tigers for Tamil Eelam, or LTTE, were evacuating survivors and pulling bodies from the still-roiling water, villagers and aid workers said.

In a well-practiced drill, squads set up roadblocks to control panic and prevent looting. Others requisitioned civilian vehicles to move the injured to hospitals. Many donated blood.

Teams with digital cameras and laptops moved into disaster zones to photograph the faces of the dead for later identification, then swiftly cremated or buried the corpses.

Sathinathan Senthan, the village mayor of Kallappadu, said boats of the elite Sea Tigers, the LTTE naval arm which had a base at the neighboring town of Mullaitivu, arrived even as the tsunami floodwaters were receding. Other sailors arrived on bicvcles, he said.

By the end of the first day, the first refugee centers were set up. Women in the Tigers' camouflage uniforms began registering the survivors and recording the relief items they received — ensuring no one got more than he should.

"They applied a very efficient military machine. All they had to do was give the command," said Reuben Thurairajah, a British doctor who watched the maneuver in amazement

Meanwhile in the south, the government was struggling to cope while politicians argued over who was in charge

Thurairajah, a volunteer public health officer who was in the area several weeks before the tsunami, said the Tigers were scrupulous in ensuring equal distribution of aid. The tsunami brought an equal measure of tragedy

to the Tamils of the north and the Sinhalese of the south. Nearly 30,000 people have been killed, a crushing toll for a nation of only 19 million

Yet that is less than half the number of casualties from this island's 20-year ethnic war.

Tamil nationalists have been fighting for independence for the north and east, where the minority group is concentrated, since 1983.

A shaky cease-fire has held since February 2002, but peace talks broke down more than a year ago the Tigers' demand to have a recognized self-governing authority while a final settlement is negotiated

The Tigers are likely to showcase their smooth handling of aid as they argue for autonomous authority. Sri Lankan hard-liners counter that only a central government with authority over the whole country can administer international donations.

Both the LTTE and the government have signaled the tsunami could bring them closer together —
"brothers in misery," as Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapakse put it - and help revive the peace pro-

An exchange of conciliatory remarks and pledges to work together brought a sudden reversal in the gloomy political atmosphere. The hone is that joint relief efforts will break the

cycle of distrust and build a level of confidence that would allow peace efforts to resume, he said. The system has worked surprisingly well, but

with occasional glitches.

Ex-lawmaker Shirley Chisholm dies at 80

Pioneer was first black woman elected to Congress

BY CORALIE CARLSON The Associated Press

MIAMI - Shirley Chisholm, an advocate for minority rights who became the first black woman elected to Congress and later the first black person to seek a major party's nomination for the U.S. presidency, has died. She was 80.

Chisholm, who took her seat in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1969, was a riveting speaker who often criticized Congress as being too clubby and unrespon sive. An outspoken champion of women and minorities during seven terms in the House, she also was a staunch critic of the Vietnam War.

She had been in declining health since suffering a series of small strokes last summer and died Saturday.

Chisholm ran for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1972, a campaign that was viewed as more symbolic than practical. She won 152 delegates before withdrawing from the

"I ran for the Presidency, despite hopeless odds, to demonstrate the sheer will and refusal to accept the status quo," Chish-olm said in her book "The Good



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to elect to its highest of-fice, I believe that he or she will taken seriously from the

Chisholm represented New York's Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn and served until retiring in 1983. She also was a founding member of the Congres-sional Black Caucus.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson called her a "woman of great courage." Newly elected, she was assigned to the House Agriculture

Committee, which she felt was irrelevant to her urban constituency. In an unheard-of move, she demanded reassignment and got switched to the Veterans Affairs Committee

Not long afterward she voted for Hale Boggs, who was white, over John Conyers, who was black, for majority leader. Boggs rewarded her with a place on the prized Education and Labor Committee and she was its third-ranking member when she left.

In her book, "Unbought and Unbossed," she recounted the campaign that brought her to Congress and wrote of her concerns about that body: "Our representative democracy is not working because the Congress that is supposed to represent the voters does not respond to their needs. I believe the chief reason for this is that it is ruled by a small group of old men Born Shirley St. Hill in New

York City, on Nov. 30, 1924, she was the eldest of four daughters of Caribbean immigrants. She was married twice.



Bella Abzug, left, and Shirley Chisholm, Democratic representatives from New York, speak in Washington following a congressional hearing on racism in the military in November 1971. Chisholm, the first black woman elected to Congress, died Saturday. She was 80.

Snowstorms close down Calif. roads

LOS ANGELES - Heavy snow shut down a major highway north of Los Angeles on Monday and slowed post-holiday travel in the Sierra Nevada as Californians grappled with a second week of stormy

Pounding rain flooded roads and dumped snow on Southern California mountains, turning the morning commute into a white-knuckle obstacle course

About 2 feet of snow shut down Interstate 5 at Tejon Pass north of Los Angeles, stranding some travelers, and the California Highway Patrol said the state's main north-south highway was expected to stay closed there all day. The elevation at the pass is about 4.200 feet. "It's pretty slippery," motorist Ravinder Singh

told KTLA-TV

"We didn't know it was going to be snowing. We're kind of stuck

At lower elevations in the Los Angeles region, flooding closed the Long Beach Freeway at the Pacif ic Coast Highway. Downtown Los Angeles mea sured about 1.5 inches of rain by late morning.

In Northern California, people driving home from

ski resorts in the Sierra Nevada faced long traffic delays and slippery roads, and winter storm and snow advisories were in effect for the region. Some ski resorts in the Lake Tahoe area reported

as much as 9 feet of snow since late last week The National Weather Service said an additional

foot of snow was possible in the northern Sierra. Interstate 80 and U.S. 50, the two main routes across the Sierra, were closed intermittently last week, causing traffic backups as recently as Sunday. But they were open Monday morning, according to the Highway Patrol.

About half of the flights arriving at San Francisco International Airport on Sunday were delayed be-cause of rain, but there were no delays Monday, offi-

Monday's rough weather came a week after a pow-



Motorists travel on a snow-covered I-80 near Cisco Grove, Calif., on Sunday.

erful storm flooded freeways and desert roads in Southern California. Last Tuesday, downtown Los Angeles got 3.98 inches of rain, a record for Dec. 28, and 12 to 13 inches of rain soaked parts of Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. Since July 1, downtown Los Angeles has received 13.53 inches of rain, compared with 2.68 inches in a normal year.

The latest storm is expected to linger through Tuesday, and another storm was approaching from the Pacific and expected to strike later this week.

Harvard study links heavy drinking with higher risk of strokes

BY LEE BOWMAN Scripps Howard News Service

Hard-drinking men - those who consume an average of three or more alcoholic beverages a day — are greater than 40 per cent more likely than nondrink ers to suffer a stroke from a blood clot, according to a long-term

study of more than 38,000 people. But the study, published Tuesday in the Annals of Internal Medicine, also suggests that a consistent pattern of moderate drinking may slightly lower the risk of

"The participants who were at the lowest risk for stroke were men who consumed one or two drinks on three or four days of week" said Dr. Kenneth Mukamal, the lead author of the study. an assistant professor of medi cine at Harvard Medical School and internist at Reth Israel Dea-

coness Medical Center in Boston. "The importance of drinking nattern for stroke risk parallels our previous findings among this same group of men regarding alcohol consumption and the risk of

developing diabetes and heart dis-ease, " Mukamal said. Data for the study came from

the Harvard School of Public Health's Health Professionals Follow-up Study, which began in 1986 and did evaluations of male participants ranging in age from 40 to 70 every four years through 2000

During the course of the study. researchers confirmed 412 cases of ischemic - clot-induced -

stroke among the group. Nearly 700,000 Americans suffer this type of stroke each year; such "brain attacks" account for about 80 percent of all strokes, with burst vessels cutting off blood

supply to the brain.

The study showed that men whose average alcohol intake was three or more drinks a day had a 42 percent higher risk of ischemic stroke — and particularly blood clots that moved to the ar teries of the brain from else-where in the body — than did abstainers.

While the study showed that av-erage intake of lower amounts of alcohol did not significantly raise or lower the risk of stroke, when frequency of drinking was taken into account, it showed that light and moderate drinkers imbibing three or four days a week had a 32 percent lower stroke risk than nondrinkers.

Even so, Mukamal doesn't feel the study shows drinking has as strong an effect in guarding against stroke as against heart dis-

"While there does appear to be a small window for which light drinking is associated with lower risk," Mukamal said, "it's important to note that this window is smaller than it is for heart disease, and therefore you cannot simply extrapolate between the

The U.S. government defines a "standard drink" as a 12-ounce beer, a 5-ounce glass of wine or a 1.5-ounce shot of distilled spirits

— each of which contains about one-half an ounce of alcohol.

Two issues likely to divide **Congress in new session**

BY CHARLES BABINGTON AND MIKE ALLEN

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - The 109th Congress was set to convene Tuesday with pageantry and pleasantries, but two lurking, potentially explosive issues could turn it into one of the most partisan and contentious sessions in recent times

Just as judicial nominations have become unusually divisive, senators are anticipating the first Su-preme Court vacancy in more than a decade. And President Bush is proposing significant changes to Social Security, the popular entitlement program that many Democrats consider a vital and inviolable

legacy of their party. The new Congress will address hundreds of other questions, such as whether to limit civil liabilities, rewrite immigration laws and drill for oil in an Alaskan refuge. But politicians from left to right agree that those issues cannot rock the Capitol like the battles over the high court and the federal retirement

program.
"Those are going to be the two epic fights in 2005," said Richard Lessner, executive director of

the American Conservative Union With Chief Justice William Rehnquist, 80, battling

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high-stakes decision on whether to filibuster a Supreme Court nomination, a move certain to ignite a ferocious fight with Bush and Republican senators.

Democrats in 2004 used filibusters to block 10 conservative appellate court nominees whom they said were outside the political mainstream. Frist has called the practice intolerable and threatened to rule that filibusters against judicial nominees are unconstitutional. Democrats say they would respond with an avalanche of parliamentary maneuvers that would bring the entire Senate to a halt.

For now, both parties are playing a game of political chicken, unwilling to signal their intentions or temper their threats. Some Republicans say they can't believe Democrats would filibuster a Supreme Court nomination, which would draw widespread attention. But many liberal groups will press Demo-crats to do just that if Bush nominates a staunch con-

servative who might seek to outlaw abortion. The House plays no role in judicial nominations but it will be in the midst of the other major looming battle: Social Security revisions. Bush has called for allowing workers to divert some of their payroll taxes to private accounts, which could be invested in stocks and bonds. Critics from both parties say the president has not explained how he would pay for the revisions, and many Democrats oppose any

Tribes rebury remains of unearthed ancestors

By MELANTHIA MITCHELL The Associated Press

PORT ANGELES, Wash. Generations of Klallam Indians for years have been told of an ancestral village where their neonle s and fish danced in longhou off the coast of the Olympic Peninsula. What they hadn't known was that their ancestors' remains lay in scattered pieces, devastated by decades of industrial development, discovered only recently during the state's project to re-place the aging Hood Canal float-

ing bridge.
As state officials face the difficult and expensive task of finding a new site to build the bridge pontoons and anchors, a young generation of Klallam is left to care for hundreds of remains already unearthed and lay to rest the disturbed spirits of their ancestors State archaeologists have said the site is the largest archaeological find in the region - the result

of a bittersweet and sometimes painful process. "There's a lot of good coming out of this It just shouldn't have happened this way," said

member of the Lower Elwha Klal lam Tribe who has worked at the site since a month after a state employee found the first human

bone fragment in August 2003. Hundreds of Klallam have since visited the 22.5-acre waterfront site, offering blessings and performing cleansing ceremonies

to ease the restive spirits of their forebears The Klallam, like other American Indians, believe disturbing sa-cred grounds displeases the spirits, which can lead to injury, or even death, among the living.

To protect themselves and their families, they swipe rusty-red ochre on their cheeks before entering the grounds. When they leave, they wash their hands, arms and faces in bitingly cold snowberry tea.

Working alongside state archaeologists, tribal members between the ages of 17 and 62 have spent the past 16 months delicately scraping away layers of dirt and mud, uneasy and unsure what to

The state Transportation Department owns the site, and officials want to meet with the tribe

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US Airways avoids repeat of holiday nightmare

Airline employees volunteer time to help passengers

BY BILL BERGSTROM

PHILADELPHIA - More than 100 US Airways executives and other employees volunteered to serve coffee and snacks, sort and move bags and help passengers find their way Sunday at Philadelphia International Airport in order to avoid a repeat of the bankrupt carrier's Christmas weekend debacle.

The airline reported no problems by late Sunday afternoon. when about half the day's expected 38,000 passengers had boarded their flights or claimed their hags. The volume was comparawith the Christmas and Thanksgiving travel peaks.

"It's been a very busy day, very heavily booked," said Chris Chiames, a vice president who flew in from US Airways headquarters in Arlington, Va., to help. "You want to start the day with operations running smoothly and keep that momentum up.

Around Christmas, hundreds of flights were canceled and thousands of bags piled up in what the airline's chief executive. Bruce Lakefield, called an "operational meltdown" that stranded holiday travelers and prompted a federal investigation.

Airline management blamed the problems on unexpected numbers of flight attendants and baggage handlers calling in sick while employees' unions blamed poor planning by management.

The baggage pileup was cleared by the end of last week after the company took the unusual step of asking employees around the country if they would travel to Philadelphia to supplement the regular staff as unpaid volunteers.

Aside from the volunteers, staffing levels appeared to be normal this weekend

"The employees are focused on making sure we let our customers know how much we appreciate their business, and two, keeping plete our financial restructur-ing." Chiames said, "The media are watching us, the analysts are watching us, and we've got to produce.

Some passengers were skeptical about the airline's ability to recover from the horrific holiday.

"They can do it, but it's going to take a lot," said John Guldin, of Pittsburgh, who flew into Philadelphia without a hitch Sunday but had fresh memories of his three-hour wait for a Christmas night flight from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh.

The extra attention pleased customers like Kimberly Kearns, of Philadelphia suburb of Southampton, who said she also appreciated the \$118 round-trip fare for her New Year's Eve flight to Raleigh, N.C., and back on Sun-

"We had a smooth flight. They have people out serving coffee and saying hello - a lot of meet and greet," Kearns said. "We wish US Airways a better year."

US Airways Group Inc. has said that, without an immediate reduction in labor costs, it proba-



Tom Lafferty, left, stops for free coffee at the US Airways terminal at Philadelphia International Airport in Philadelphia on Sunday as he speaks with US Airways employees Anita Beier, right, and Eric Moorefield.

bly will begin liquidation after an interim financing deal with the government's Air Transportation Stabilization Board expires Jan.

Pilots, reservations agents and gate agents have agreed to salary cuts, but the airline is still awaiting results expected this week of

telephone voting by flight attendants on a new contract that would cut their pay.

The airline also is negotiating with baggage handlers and me chanics, and awaiting a bankruptcv court ruling this week on its request to cancel current pay agreements if a new deal can't be reached soon.

Rovers are still going strong on Red Planet

BY JEREMY MANIER

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO - As NASA's twin robotic rovers arrived at Mars one year ago, the planet that awaited them looked to many scientists like a vast, inert museum. where water and warmth gave way long ago to a cold and seemingly dead world.

That picture has shifted dramat ically in a short time, experts say, thanks to findings from the rovers and other research efforts that suggest Mars remains a geologically dynamic planet with tantalizing hints of life.

The new Mars is an untamed place with possibly active volcanoes and geothermal springs, dry sea beds, recent glacier activity and traces of methane in its atmosphere. That last fact may prove the most intriguing, scientists say, because the mysterious methane could be coming from living

"Mars is not the same world in our minds today that it was one year ago," said Jeffrey Kargel, a researcher in astrogeology with the U.S. Geological Survey in Flagstaff, Ariz.

At the forefront of the revolution are the rovers Opportunity and Spirit, both of which have sur vived longer than their designers' wildest hopes, and are still charting new ground one year after landing on opposite sides of the planet. Last March, Opportunity found bedrock containing the



A Mars rover is shown before deploying in this November 2004 photo released by WGBH-TV Boston. The rover is one of two that landed on Mars as part of the Mars Exploration Rover project.

first tangible evidence that Mars once had shallow, salty seas - a discovery Science magazine dubbed its "Breakthrough of the

Evidence for recent glaciers and volcanic activity, published Dec. 23 in the journal Nature, came from the European probe Mars Express, which has taken detailed photos of huge swaths of the Martian surface.

The orbiter found relatively young lava flows in the craters of several Martian volcanoes, including Olympus Mons, the biggest volcano in the solar system at 15

Scientists analyzing the Mars Express photos found a few meteor-impact craters in several of the lava fields - a sign the features formed within the last 2 million years or so.

"If you see evidence for activity from a couple million years ago, that means the planet is geologically alive today," said James Head, a professor of planetary science at Brown University and a co-author on the Mars Evnress study

The new results already are spurring ideas for future un-manned missions. Head said one target could be the rocky mounds and ridges left by glaciers in the Martian tropics, where probes could find ice close to the surface.



U.S. probes laser beams aimed at commercial iets

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Federal officials are investigating an incident in which a laser beam was aimed at a jet after it left Nashville International Airport bound for Chicago.

Federal agents are looking into similar incidents involving lasers and aircraft, including cases in Cleveland; Washington, D.C.; Houston; Colorado Springs, Colo.; Medford, Ore.; and Teterboro, N.J.

Laser beams can temporarily blind or disorient pilots and possibly cause a plane to crash.

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nger Ashanti has done her best to stay above the fray as feuding between collaborator Ja Rule and rapper 50 Cent has caused waves throughout the music business. Her latest album, "Concrete Rose," recently was released and fans have responded positively.

Taking the HIGH ROAD

Avoiding the trap of a public hip-hop feud, Ashanti climbing charts again with new release

BY NEKESA MUMBI MOODY

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Ashanti just keeps flourishing amid the flames

In 2002, while her labelmate and frequent collaborator Ja Rule was floundering due to a bitter battle with 50 Cent, the R&B songstress released her blockbuster sophomore album.

Now, with the recent release of her third album. "Concrete Rose," there are heaps of problems at her high-profile record label. The Inc. Both the label and its founder. Irv Gotti, are facing a criminal investigation, and there have been arrests in connection with the probe.

But none of it has adversely affected Ashanti's popularity or marketability. She currently has a top 10 hit, "Wonderful," with Ja Rule and R. Kelly. Her album's first single, the rock-tinged "Only U," is rising on the charts. She's been tapped by Herbal Essences to be their pitchwoman. And she's segueing into Hollywood with "Coach Carter," due in U.S. theaters in this month, and a Muppet movie about as wholesome as it gets Maybe she's managed to dodge the negativity be-

cause of her girl-next-door charm and her infectious smile. She showed it frequently during a re cent interview as she laughed off criticisms, gossip and questions about her love life.

AP: When you look back on your first album, how do you think you've grown?

Ashanti: There's definitely been growth, in ever aspect — lyrically, vocally, performances. With the first album, although I had a lot of input, it was always up to Gotti. And with this one, we both have to compromise (laughs). [But] I absolutely trust Gotti.

He's obviously been in the game longer, way longer. AP: Ja Rule has suffered from a lot of criticism for more than a year, and 50 Cent and his clique even targeted you in his feud with Ja. Were you worried that it would affect your career?

Ashanti: I kind of got pulled into some of the nega tivity going on. As far as it affecting me, obviously, as a person, I'm like, "What? I'm a girl! I don't have nothing to do with this." But other than that, I'm like, I'm gonna do me. I held it down for my big brothers, and that was that.

AP: Are you worried at all about the future of The Inc. or Gotti?

Ashanti: I'll just say I don't want anything negative to happen. The guys are too good, everyone's heart is too good for any negative stuff to happen. AP: How did you get into acting?

Ashanti: It's something that I wanted to experience just to know if I would like it or not. I did a couple of school plays in high school, and my drama teacher would always give me kudos and said that I should pursue it. It wasn't heavy on my mind when I got into the industry, like, "I have to do a movie, I have to act." It was kind of something where I said later on, if the opportunities present itself, I'd wanna try it.

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Tips for returning gifts

NEW YORK - Here are some tips to make returning holidays gifts easier:

■ Make returns as soon after the holidays as possible. Yes, the lines may be almost as long as or longer than — the ones during the preholiday shopping season. But a sneedy return can ensure you get your refund before the New Year's sales go into ef-

fect Check for fees and restrictions. More retailers are charging restocking fees for large or big-ticket items such as televisions, digital cameras or computers. That's if they accept the return at all.

■ Before you trek to the store. call to ask about its return poli-

■ Bring the bells and whistles. If you're returning an item you bought, remember to bring your receipt and the credit card with which you originally purchased the item. Keep the item in its original packaging, and don't break any of the seals. If you're returning clothing, make sure all the tags are still affixed.

■ Be nice. Retailers are frazzled and overworked during the holiday season. Being patient and kind can get you a lot further with your return. This is especially true for items that are damaged, discontinued or otherwise returnable only at the em-

plovee's discretion.

■ Lump your returns into one or two transactions. Wait until you've received all your gifts before sorting out which stores you must visit to make returns. More and more retailers are monitoring returns, even "blacklisting" customers who make too many. Such a move prevents scammers from perpetrating return fraud, in which they steal items and then return them to make money.

If you have made or plan to make a lot of returns this season, you might contact The Return Exchange to find out if you're on the blacklist. The company monitors return data for major retailers. You can find out if you're on the list by e-mailing ReturnActivityReport@TheReturnExchange.com

'Open Water' different in real life

Married filmmakers Chris Kentis and Laura Lau escaped being pulled into a real-life version of their thriller "Open Water" when the resort island of Phuket in Thailand was struck

by last weekend's tsunami "I heard people yelling, 'Run, run!' " said Kentis, who wrote and directed the 2003

sleeper hit about two scuba divers stranded in shark-infested waters. "I looked behind me and I thought, 'This is what happens in a movie when there's a tidal wave.' You could hear the rumbling and this wave was coming right at us. Kentis, 41, told The Associated Press by

phone Thursday from Singapore that he fled to his upper-story hotel room, where he found his sister-in-law and other relatives.

But at that moment, his wife and 7-year-old daughter, Sabrina, were in a second-floor Internet cafe, trapped by a phone booth lodged in the stairwell. The power went out and electric lines popped all around them.

"Open Water" was released Tuesday on DVD, but Kentis said that was the last thing on his mind.

"In the wake of all this, it's meaningless to me," he said.

Tribe buying out Trump casino

The Twenty Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians is buying Donald Trump out of its casino in Coachella, Calif.

The tribe has announced an early \$6 million buyout of its partner-

ship with Trump Hotels and Casino Resorts Inc. The initial \$11 million deal two years ago renamed the tribe's Spotlight 29 Casino the Trump 29 Casino. Daily operations were turned over to Trump's company as part of a \$60 million expansion.

The buyout announcement comes after Trump Hotels filed for bankruptcy last month. A bankruptcy judge this month signed off on a \$100 million loan that will keep Trump's casinos in New Jersey and Indiana open while the bankruptcy case is resolved.

The tribe's contract with Trump's Atlantic City, N.J., corporation would have expired in 2007, but included an early buyout option beginning in April 2005.

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OK, I have had enough of the bickering Why can't truck drivers have Combat Infan-tryman Badges? Why can't military police get CIBs? Why can't I get one? I spend 15 hours a day out there!

What these selfish people don't realize is that the CIB was developed for the grunts who slept and fought on the front lines and furthermore, warfare has greatly changed since then. We don't fight the same enemy anymore. The enemy doesn't have the same face. As a result you have no idea who or what is next. With this change into urban warfare everyone is getting a piece of action

Maybe years from now there will be badges for certain military occupational specialties that received direct fire in theater. But right now the higher chain of command is more concerned with our safety and stabilizing Iraq. They don't have time to create a patch that says "Hey! I got shot at!" If you want that badge so badly, when you get back to your home base, transfer and do the course. It's not hard.

Unlike most who come into contact with the enemy daily, the infantryman comes into contact, dismounts and closes in on the enemy. Anybody can shoot, move and com-municate; communicate with your com-mander by saying, "I need a badge." Until the time there is a badge for you, the combat patch says you have been there.

We have all made sacrifices, some more than others. We have families back home who would gladly trade a badge for a lost soldier. Let's all get home and safe and live to fight another day

> Sgt. Phillip Grauel Camp Ťaji, Iraq

All trained in infantry skills

For some time now, I have been reading letters about the Combat Infantryman Badge. I spent 15 years as a 19D (cavalry scout) and have always thought the award was overrated. My 20-plus years of military experience have taught me that all soldiers are trained as infantry. Those skills are honed throughout our time of military service. When I conducted sergeant's time training, the sessions were in keening with infantry standards (mount site training

ruck marching, squad level training, etc.).

I am on my fourth trip to the Mideast twice to Iraq during wartime and twice to Kuwait in a defensive posture - and I have never seen so many different military occu pational specialties fulfilling the role of infantry in the war-fighting effort. Common sense would tell the senior leadership that "urban warfare" is for the infantry soldier

 but look around and tell me if this is a job for infantry only these days. I don't think so. The award should be based on a unit's mission, not the MOS a soldier holds. Consider the facts.

Donald "Sidney" Blackwell Camp Victory, Iraq

Give all-woman infantry a try

For the last decade, I've read letters to the editor about women in the infantry, women Rangers and women in combat. I've

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reached the conclusion that we need an all-woman infantry battalion. This would allow for those women who wish to serve in the same way as their brothers to do so with out threatening some man's sexuality or otional sensibility out on the battlefield.

Not all women want to stay at home and raise children and not all women want to be in the infantry, just like many men do not ei-ther. That is why you have a choice when you join the Army. Let's have tryouts where women can compete to be part of an all-woman infantry battalion. If they make it, arm them with the tools and training to take out terrorists in an infantry capacity

Maybe some are concerned with how it will look if the alleged weaker sex goes in and starts kicking butt. It's all good, we're on the same team and need to focus on the common goal of defeating terrorists. Don't let old-fashioned ideas and repression bind 50 percent of America's population — that sounds like the Taliban. We speak about equal opportunity and equal rights, but how do we practice that if we prevent women from filling in infantry jobs? Make me a gen-eral, bring back the Women's Army Corps and let's end this foolish sexist argument once and for all.

Staff Sgt. Joyce Costello Livorno, Italy

Motorcycle test unnecessary

As an infantry first sergeant, I under-stand the issue of soldiers buying motorcycles for which they have had no training and little experience operating. This is an issue. and it needs to be addressed.

What I am having trouble with is the overreaction concerning those with years of experience riding (I have more th in 30). Some "smart guy" needs to figure out that one size does not fit all when it comes to experience and abilities. I have owned "crotch rockets"

 high-performance sportbike motorcycles and there is definitely a problem with these amounts of horsepower in the hands of someone with little training. However, my current situation is radically different. I have been riding since I was 7 years old, my

current motorcycle will not go above 70 mph and I simply do not understand the roadblocks being thrown up in my path to enjoy an activity that my entire family enjoys so much.

Wednesday, January 5, 2005

When I return to Germany I will be going on block leave to the States, then returning to Germany. Now I am being told I have to take an additional Motorcycle Safety Foundation course in order to ride. This will take time away from either my family or from my soldiers.

There are many things I love about the Army, but this is one issue that my wife and I have discussed as the possible straw that breaks the camel's back. After having survived being shot at, nearly being blown up multiple times and being responsible for more than 300 soldiers, I am being told that I am not responsible enough to determine whether I am safe enough to perform an activity I have been performing since I was a child

1st Sgt. Michael Abbey Forward Operating Base Brassfield-Mora, Iraa

Hunting is not animal slaughter

In response to the Dec. 14 letter "Hunting photo unnecessary": Stars and Stripes was created to provide servicemembers with news from back home. Like it or not, some of these servicemembers enjoy the sports of hunting and fishing. I did not see the printed version of the article/picture to which the writer was referring, but I am going to assume that it was printed in decent taste. It seems that the article/picture offended the letter writer and I feel inclined to enlighten her as to some facts about the sport of hunting

First, if she finds the article objectionable, skip over it. What she finds offensive, others might not.

Second, if she's going to comment, she should make sure she gets her facts rights Sport hunting is used as a wildlife management tool, not some unnecessary, barbaric annihilation of poor, defenseless animals. Wildlife biologists are used to ascertain the ability of the land to sustain a number of animals. When this number is exceeded, something needs to be done to protect these animals and the people around them, or would she like to see the animals create a hazard by moving into populated areas or by slowly starving due to the lack of edible forage?

Third, most people I know hunt with high-powered rifles, and are well aware of the possibility of wounding an animal and not delivering a humane kill. I feel bad should I happen to wound an animal and not deliver a humane harvest, and I do my best to eliminate the variables that might let this happen. The buckshot the writer refers to constitutes the use of a shotgun and, as any legal and responsible "yahoo" knows, in the United States, it is illegal to use buckshot in the harvest of big game. I cannot comment on its acceptable use in other countries.

One stereotype the writer forgot to mention is that hunters are a bunch of drunken, beer-guzzling rednecks hanging out of the back of a beat-up Ford pickup truck blasting away at every animal we see. This is not true

Michael McGuire Fort Huachuca, Ariz

By GARRY TRUDEAU

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OPINION

Seeing suffering: A challenge for the faithful

BY TOM SCHAEFER The Wichita (Kan.) Eagle

he death toll from Asia's devastating tsunami has surpassed 140,000. One hundred forty thousand men, women and children. One survivor, describing the scene, said, "Hell was unleashed

How are we to make sense of the sense less? The answer is, we can't.

The problem of evil in this world has

never been fully understood and cannot be completely explained

Watching the unbelievable devastation of Sri Lanka, Indonesia, India and other parts of Asia only heightens the anxiety about the role of the divine in the midst of destruction. How can God allow the innocent to suffer and die so horrendously? When the Rev. Billy Graham spoke at the National Cathe dral [in Washington] following the Sept. 11. 2001, attacks, he recounted how he is often asked why God permits evil in the world. He paused and said that he has never been able to find a fully satisfactory answer

Not even America's pastor, as he's been called, could explain the tragedies that afflict this planet.

The question of God's power ing lack thereof — has plagued humanity since biblical times

In the Hebrew Scriptures, suffering is described as a punishment for sin, a cleansing or testing of a person. The Book of Job tells the story of a righteous man who is afflicted with physical and emotional pain and suffering and demands to know why he must endure such injustice.

voice from the heavens that asserts: Who made the heavens and the earth? Certainly not you. Who are you to question me? In the play "J.B." by Archibald MacLeish, the main character addresses this paradox of the ages: "If God is God, He is not good; if God is good, He is not God."

The logic seems irrefutable. As one theologian put it, evil and suffering are "evidence for the atheist.

Christian theology has tackled this question - often referred to as theodicy or the justice of God in the face of evil - in various ways. Some have tried to assert that everything that happens is determined by God. Humans act in a way that is commensurate with God's will. Others assert that humans have free will that somehow is wrapped up in a larger scheme that God ordains.

But do any of these attempts completely satisfy? Perhans our idea of God, who is usu ally described as all-loving, all-knowing and all-powerful, needs to be reshaped. Rabbi Harold Kushner, in his best-seller

'When Bad Things Happen to Good People," contends that God should be understood as all-knowing and all-loving, but not as all-powerful. For Kushner, it's the only way to make sense of the senseless in life.

All of these points of view, however, inevitably break down. They subdivide and become more complex than a DNA double

The fact is, no religion has a simple answer to the question of evil and suffering. Judaism dismisses the idea of theodicy and focuses on the righteous who suffer. Islam contends that believers must submit to whatev-



Sri Lankans of different religious and ethnic backgrounds pray together in the country's capital, Colombo, on Friday, in remembrance of victims of the Dec. 26 tsunami

er the will of God is. Christianity asserts that suffering is redemptive through Jesus.

But no matter how we try to understand suffering - our own or others - we will never be completely at ease when we face tragedy ourselves or when we see it on a monumental scale. To look at the death of more than 140,000 people - or at a loved one who dies tragically - always forces us to confront evil head-on.

Here's what we're left with: Without faith, the question of suffering and death is unanswered. With faith, we reassert every day

our belief in the One who sees the universe from a perspective far greater than our own

We trust in the ultimate goodness of our God even when unbelief seems so much easier to embrace. We cling to faith even as we comfort those enveloped by the evil of this world

Charles Spurgeon, a 19th-century preacher, gives us as much an anchor of hope to hold on to as anyone can: When we cannot trace God's hand, he said, we must simply trust his heart.

m Schaefer writes about religion and ethics The Eagle.

How America rationalizes health-care rationing

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

n Wales this fall, a woman had to wait 17 weeks for a cancer screening after finding a lump in her breast. The British press was outraged

But the British routinely wait up to nine months for non-emergency surgery. They accept waiting lines rather than pay higher taxes for their National Health Service

Canadians can wait 11 months for cataract surgery or two years for a knee replacement. Yet they tell pollsters that they love their government-funded health-care sys tem, partly because they never see a big bill. mention of reform in America's

health-care financing runs smack into the issue of waiting lines. Americans will never put up with waiting for care, say those who like our mishmash of a health financing system. Nor will they accept rationing. But an intelligent scheme to reform Amer-

ica's health-care system could provide coverage for everyone with rarely a waiting line and still save money. The French and Ger mans accomplish that today. As for rationing? We already have it In

America, there is rarely a long wait for elective surgery — if you can afford it. But 1 out of 6 Americans lacks insurance. If you're one of them, you can limp around on your sore knee forever.

"We ration care today," notes Paul Ginsburg of the Center for Health System Change. "The uninsured get much less care than the insured and suffer worse health outcomes because of it.

Most Americans get their health coverage through their employers. That means that most people are just a pink slip away from being uninsured. Those with good insurance get better care than those with bad insur ance. If an insurer has denied you coverage for a medical procedure, then you have experienced rationing. If it has set a limit on your hospital stay, you know rationing

And as medical insurance rates rise at double-digit rates, employers are busy restricting coverage. In other words, rationing is getting worse. The latest trend is for companies to offer

coverage with high deductibles coupled with the chance for a family to contribute to a tax-free medical savings account. For most middle-income families, who can't afford \$5,000 in annual medical bills, such coverage is an invitation to ration their own care.

In essence, the difference between America and other advanced nations is how we ration not whether we ration Other nations are upfront about their rationing: we do it more subtly. They ration by government fiat. We let the insurance companies, employers and hospital admissions offices do it.

The critical difference is that other wealthy nations give fairly good care to all their citizens, and we don't. They also provide it at a much lower price. And their systems produce health results generally equal to ours, and in some cases better.

How do they do it? They use a variety of health coverage schemes. The Canadians and British use single-payer systems run by the government. The Germans use nonprofit private health insurers, called "sickness closely regulated by the government. The Germans put the major cost on employers and workers through payroll fees. The Canadians use taxes.

But all use the clout of government or large buying groups to control cost. For instance, the Canadian and Japanese governments negotiate doctors' fees with large medical associations representing doctors. As the sole owner of the checkbook, the governments obviously have the upper hand.

Closely monitored cost controls tend to wring waste out of medicine. But if pushed too far, they can produce waiting lines. To wait or not depends on how much a nation chooses to spend on health care and how efficiently its system runs Britain for instance spends 41 percent of

what America spends on each citizen's care. ... The French and Germans spend more and have little waiting. The French spend slightly more than half what Americans do, and the Germans spend 57 percent.

But the fact that Europeans spend less doesn't necessarily mean that they deliver worse care, notes Richard Saltman, an Emory University professor who studies foreign health care systems. Under Britain's universal health system, for instance, every one has a primary care doctor. That lets the British provide preventive care and spot health problems earlier, he says.

Many look at these numbers and see the obvious: With an efficient medical finance system, America could cover everyone with no waiting lines and still lower the cost of

Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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Gambling on resort

PA HARRISBURG — A Scranton business-man with close ties to a Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board member has purchased a once-famous 600-room resort in the Poconos for \$25.1 million, fueling speculation he may seek a slot-machine resign blicens

The sale of the Mount Airy Lodge in

Mount Airy Loage in Mount Airy Loage in Mount Pocono was recorded in the Monroe County Courthouse more than three years after it cased operations. The buyer was a corporation headed by Louis A. DeNaples, whose enterprises include a large auto-parts store, a landfill and vast real-estate holdings.

DeNaples is a former client of Scranton lawyer William P. Conaboy, a health care executive appointed to the gambling commission by state Senate Democratic leader Robert J. Mellow, whom Conaboy once served as an aide.

Through a Gaming Control Board spokesman, Conaboy described DeNaples as "a friend" and said he would disclose any relevant details of their relationship if DeNaples pursues a slots license.

House collapse kills man

AUSTIN — A man who died when a house collapsed during renovations has been identified.

Authorities said Francisco Javier Aguilar, 35, of San Antonio, died in the accident. Aguilar, a construction worker, was trapped underneath the 100-year-old home he was helping to renovate. Witnesses said the two-story house had been lifted off the ground and was resting on cinder blocks when it collapsed.

Austin police and the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration are investigating.

The construction company, Austin House Leveling & Soil Stabilization Inc., said the collapse was the first of its kind in its history, and it is working with OSHA to determine the cause.

36 hurt at sledding party

ND MINOT — Thirty-six children were injured in a sledding accident during an all-night New Year's Eve party hosted by a religious organization.

Three of the children were hospitalized, but all were in stable condition, hospital officials said. The others were treated and released.

Police Sgt. Winston Black said more than 100 children ages 12 to 19 attending a Youth for Christ event gathered at a high school around 4 a.m. to slide down a hill using sleds built out of cardboard boxes.

A sign posted on the hill prohibited sledding.

The children and Youth for Christ staff piled eight to 12 passengers on the sleds, then went down the hill in quick succession, Black said. "The sleds struck rocks, a light pole and each other," he said.

Company closes stores

MA BRAINTREE — J.L. Hammett Co., the country's oldest school-supply company — whose founder invented the black-board eraser — is closing its 52 retail stores nationwide after 141 years.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

The Braintree-based company will continue to sell merchandise on its Web site, The Patriot Ledger of Quincy reported.

Construction accident

TX HOUSTON — A highway construction worker was flown to a hospital after a piece of rebar fell about 40 feet and pierced his face.

Officials said the ridged piece of a steel bar impaled the unidentified worker on the Katy Freeway construction project in west Houston. He was airlifted to Memorial Hermann Hospital. His condition was not known.

Home invasion foiled

UPPER ARLINGTON—
Two men accused of invading a couple's home and forcing an
elderly man to withdraw \$10,000
from his bank were arrested after
tellers noticed a bruise on the
73-year-old man's forehead and
alerted police.

Two men entered the home of John and Judith Hansel in a Columbus suburb, said police spokesman Officer Don Stanko.

According to police reports, Robert E. Jackson, 23, forced John Hansel to drive his car to a bank while Michael Lathon, 19, stayed with Judith Hansel, 66. Jackson allegedly ordered Hansel to with-



Photo hijinx

Joey, 3, and Delanie Donovan, 8, of Carlisle, Iowa, pose as the famous couple in the "American Gothic" painting while visiting the State Historical Building in downtown Des Moines. Iowa. draw the money, but suspicious tellers called police, Stanko said.

Police chased the car, which Jackson crashed nearby, Stanko said. He was arrested and Hansel told officers his wife was at home with Lathon.

A police SWAT team sent a trained dog into the couple's home, and Judith Hansel had worked free from the duct tape that bound her and escaped, Stanko said. Lathon surrendered, police said.

Club fights fine

GA ATLANTA — A country club sued the city after it was fined for refusing to extend spousal benefits to the partners of two gay members.

A lawsuit filed by Druid Hills Golf Club seeks to block a \$500-per-day fine ordered by Mayor Shirley Franklin until the

club grants the benefits. It also asks a judge to throw out the city's human rights ordinance, which requires businesses to treat people registered in the city as domestic partners as married couples. Franklin said the club violated the ordinance by refusing to extend spousal benefits, including golf privileges, to two gay members.

Too warm for Rudolph?

WA SEATTLE — If global warming continues, some reindeer may go down in history — and never come back.

An archaeologist at the University of Washington, Donald Grayson, believes those reindeer, or caribou as they're also known in North America, could disappear from the southern borders of their habitat.

On this continent, that could spell the end for herds roaming mountains in Washington, Idaho, southern British Columbia and Al-

The woodland caribou, which lives in the mountains in small herds, is considered the most endangered large mammal in the lower 48 states and can be found only in the Selkirk Mountains in northeastern Washington and northern Idaho.

Teacher gets 100 years

PARIS — A retired teacher offered a five-year plea bargain in a sexual misconduct case instead received a 100-year prison sentence after a new district attorney frowned on the deal and asked a jury for the maximum penalty.

Scott received 20 years each on three counts of inducing a child younger than 18 to engage in sexual conduct, 10 years on each of three counts of producing or promoting a videotape involving sexual conduct, and 10 years on each of three counts of possession of child pornography.

The jury recommended the maximum sentence that County Attorney Gary Young asked it to deliver. Young defeated former prosecution Mark Burtner in the Democratic Party primary earlier this year. When Burtner chose to resign and take a job in El Paso in August, four months before the end of his term, county commissioners appointed Young to take office immediately.

Upon learning of the plea bargain offer in Scott's case, Young saw that it had not yet been responded to and took it off the table, spokesman Allan Hubbard said.



 $Hungry\ fowl \qquad \begin{array}{ll} \text{Brandon Williams, 3, of Alliance, Ohio,} \\ \text{feeds the ducks at the Broadway Wharf in} \\ \text{East Liverpool, Ohio, while visiting his grandparents for the holidays.} \end{array}$



Frozen reflection
Lac La Belle in Oconomowoc, Wis.

A melting ice cover mirrors Adam Both as he secures an ice boat on



Squirrel heads out for a run

A squirrel jumps through fresh snow in a Great Falls, Mont., yard.



Hay at a Vado, N.M., dairy that had caught fire Field of fire continues to burn as the sun sets. No injuries reported and the cause of the fire had not been determined.



Hanging on Christina Thomas, left, and Trista Casey hang onto each other as they try to avoid a fall while skating in Fort Smith, Ark.



Despite the rain, Robert Kraft, shirtless, ends 2004 with a run on the sands of Historic run Miami Beach. Kraft, 53, by his own account, has run eight miles on the same stretch of beach every day at the same time for the past 30 years without missing a day. Kraft, who is also known as "The Raven," started his running streak on Jan. 1, 1975.

Rally against police

FL JACKSONVILLE — About 200 people chanting "No justice, no peace" marched through the city to protest the deaths of two black men in police custody.

At a rally on the steps of the Jacksonville sheriff's office, U.S. Rep. Corrine Brown, civil rights leaders and ministers called for the creation of a citizens review board to look into police brutality.

A white police officer has resigned since the death of one of the men. Sammie Lee Evans. 49. whose neck was broken as police tried to arrest him on Dec. 3 for possession of an open container of alcohol outside his home.

Diversity shortfalls

MA BOSTON — Most Massachusetts cities and towns ordered to diversify their police and fire departments in the 1970s have met their racial hiring goals. but 17 police and fire departments in 12 cities and towns have not.

Chelsea, Lawrence and Holyoke, with black and Hispanic populations ranging from 45 percent to 65 percent, have police and fire departments that are only about 20 percent minority, making them the furthest from reaching their goals of "parity" with their cities' minority populations, according to a Boston Sunday Globe analysis.

Fire departments in Cambridge and Newton, and police depart-ments in New Bedford and Winthrop, have reached racial parity, but are still abiding by the consent decrees and hiring based on race.

Divorce refused

WA SPOKANE — A judge has refused to grant a divorce to a pregnant woman trying to leave her husband two years after he was jailed for beating her, ruling instead that she must wait until the child is born.

Shawnna Hughes' husband was convicted of abuse in 2002. She separated from him after the attack and filed for divorce last April. She later became pregnant by another man and is due in March

Her husband, Carlos, never contested the divorce, and the court commissioner approved it in October. But the divorce papers failed to note that Hughes was pregnant, and when the judge found out, he rescinded the divorce.

"There's a lot of case law that says it is important in this state that children not be illegitimized," Superior Court Judge Paul Bastine told The Snokesman-Review newspaper.

Hughes' attorney, Terri Sloyer, said nothing in state law says a pregnant woman cannot get a divorce

Under Washington state law, a husband is presumed to be the father of any child born within 300 days of a divorce. The judge argued that the paternity of the child needs to be determined before a divorce can be finalized

Double shooting in dorm

RICHMOND — An employ-ee at a state school for the developmentally disabled shot a female co-worker, then killed himself authorities said

The woman, who was shot several times in a dormitory at the Richmond State School, was expected to survive, said Chief Deputy Craig

Brady of the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Department. Neither employee was identi-

fied, and no one else was injured.

Endangered no more?

VT WATERBURY — Popula-tion growth among species has prompted state officials to consider removing ospreys, loons and neregrine falcons from Vermont's list of threatened and endangered species

Meanwhile, black terns, upland sandpipers and two snakes — the eastern rat snake and the eastern racer - may be added to the lists after a public hearing set for later this month

The need for revisions to the list shows we have a conservation program that was a success and we should be celebrating that," said Craig McLauglin, director of wildlife for the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department.

Bat victim makes history

WAUWATOSA — A teenag-er who became the first person known to survive rables without a vaccination has gone home after nearly 11 weeks in the hospital, officials said.

Jeanna Giese, 15, was infected when a bat bit her at church in Sentember but she did not immediately seek treatment. She began showing symptoms of rabies in mid-October.

A team of physicians at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin gambled on an experimental treatment and induced a coma as part of efforts to stave off the usually fatal infection.

Program trimming fat

PA EMMAUS — Despite some early mistakes that drew criticism and national attention, a school district effort to fight childhood obesity has shown promising results in its first few years, the district said.

The East Penn School District in Emmaus said its campaign — which includes confidential letters to parents, healthier vending machine fare and walking clubs helped achieve an 18 percent drop in the number of overweight students and a 50 percent drop in the number of underweight students in the past school year.

Casino rush

MONTICELLO — Since weeds started sprouting around the boarded-up Borscht Belt hotels, some locals have looked to casinos to fill the void. A state plan approved in 2001 allowed up to three Indian casinos in hones of attracting a new breed of tourists playing craps instead of canasta.

Now suddenly - after maneuvering by the Pataki administration - locals are looking at up to five casinos in this timeworn corner of the Catskills

Under deals that would settle long-standing land claims. New York's Cayugas want to build at the Monticello Raceway and the Seneca-Cayugas of Oklahoma want to build at the site of the Concord, a big, shuttered Borscht Belt hotel. Also possible is a casino at Kutsher's hotel involving the Mohawks of northern New York. All the proposals require state and federal approval.

Stories and photos from wire services

Horoscope

Oh, the Scorpio moon is a gypsy temptress. She shows us the very thing we desire and then plays a coy game, dangling it just out of reach. The question she **Holiday Mathis** poses: What are you willing to do to get what you want? How far will you go? For now, it's enough to toy with the fantasy. It's best not to make a move in the heat of

nassion TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (January 5). Creative self-expression is your passion this year, and the best things in life come to you through creative channels. The winter months find you experimenting. Come April, you vocalize your needs in all your major relationships. A new job or romance ensues, bringing you deep fulfillment and peace. Love signs are Aquarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your driving ambition comes with a price. Heal yourself by valuing yourself. Acknowledge all that you've already accomplished. You are perfect as you are. You don't need

to be anything but you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Examine your motivations with regard to a romantic relationship. You may feel yourself being drawn in by the allure of money or material things. Be careful not to build a relationship based on a false sense of security

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You need your wiggle room. Commit ted twins probably want more space in a relationship than a partner does If single, you could meet someone rather eccentric. Keep an open mind, but proceed with caution.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Let out a rebel yell. A burst of energv has you feeling jazzed. You're ready to break out of your shell and do something wild. Focus on person al freedom and your own unique mode of expression.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Put your creativity to practical purposes Your talent is without limit, and so is the demand for your services. You

can truly benefit the world on a grand scale. Use your ingenuity, and

take advantage of new technology. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Is it possible that you're overloading your schedule with extracurricular activities in order to avoid something

at home? Abandon these passive-aggressive tactics in favor of a more honest approach.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are able to put your emotions aside for the time being and examine your relationships with a bit more common sense Are voi really getting what you need out of them? Don't

Start

be afraid to try a different SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

Stuck in neutral? Maybe that's not such a bad thing. It is the wise Scorpion who strikes only when there is a real advantage to be gained. Scope out the situation a little while longer, and then act decisively.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You find yourself cast in the role of the old guard, defending your position against some young whippersnapper who's eager to take your place. Ah, the price of success! Why not offer to be his/her mentor?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). Lay down the law if you must, but first, try to see the situation from the other person's point of view. Is he or she really being disruptive or merely unconventional? Perhaps your own methods could benefit from a fresh approach.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your humanitarian efforts gain a new level of emotional depth. Harness this blast of renewed enthusiasm, and run with it. Sign up new recruits. Think up new slogans. You are hereby nominated chief visionary officer

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your creativity has been unleashed and now, your mind is like a geyser, spewing imaginative ideas all over. Some are realistic and some are wildly fantastical. Jot them down as they come to you. Then, tackle the easiest first

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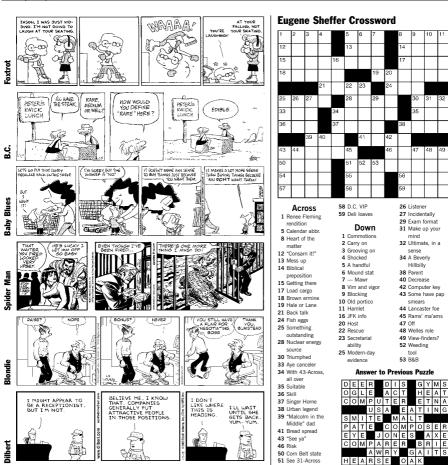












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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals P

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Dear Abby

Beware of fiancé's meddling mom

Dear Abby: I have been dating "Richard" for three years. I am 27 and he is 25. We have talked about settling down for

quite a while now. A month ago, Richard asked me to marry him. We have looked at engagement rings in the past, and he knows my taste. Howev-er, he decided it would only be right to let his parents know about his decision. His mother. 'Irene," asked him how much he planned to spend for a ring. He told her \$2,000 to \$3,000, and

much money She added that he should buy me something little now, and in a few vears, he could buy me something nicer.

Abby, I don't feel this should be Irene's decision to make. Richard earns good money. This would not break the bank for him, believe me. I am doubly

ed to take his mother's advice Irene is always interfering, demanding to know what's happening with us

She says that he's the "man" and needs to act like it. She told him he "shouldn't let a woman control him." Irene even has our wedding planned for

us Am I being unreason able? I'm afraid that if we are married, Irene will be a constant inter-

ference — Lost in New York Dear Lost: Your fears are justified. Until Richard stons allowing his mother to make his decisions for him, she will rule the roost, and

her wishes and opinions will take precedence over yours. It's interesting that Irene is telling her son not to let a woman control him, when she's the one who's doing it. If I were you, I'd recognize the writing on the wall and run for the hills.

diseases, but how long is a wife supposed to stick around, forgive backsliding, and try to pick up the pieces? Is it better to stay for the children's sake, or to leave for their sake? I don't want my kids to think that being drunk and stoned every day is accept-

My husband lives for today; I live for the future. He tells me I'm a terrible person for not abiding by the "for better or worse." I keep asking him,

"Where is the better?" After 14 vears, all I have been left with is worse and worst. Please tell me what to do

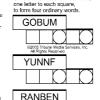
Wants to Leave in New Jersey Dear Wants to Leave: Make your move. Your husband will

not get better until he realizes exactly how great a price his addictions have exacted from you and the children - and ultimately himself.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at

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by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion Here's \$75 in quarters.



WHAT THE ANGRY DRIVER USED TO PAY HIS SPEEDING FINE RUMAID

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(Answers tomorrow)

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POLICE

Why the mogul didn't pay the sculptor for the bust - HE WAS "CHISELED"

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Yesterday's

Family Circus

"Anybody seen my gloves?"

she said that was too

Dear Abby: I know alcoholunset because Richard has decid-

K to move closer to daughter

Dear Annie: MV

24-year-old daughter, "Diana," and I are very close. This summer she will be marrying "Dave," a wonderful young man. I am happy for them Dave has accepted a job 12 hours away from here. so they are planning to move. It is a terrific opportunity for both of them. Diana will be able to continue working toward her doctorate, and Dave

can advance in his career. I am a single parent, and

Diana is my only child. I have a disability, and although I can make it on my own, there will be things I will have to get help with. I don't have any other family around Knowing this Dave and Diana

have asked me to move with them.

I respect that they will be a married couple, and I don't want to be the mother-in-law who is always in the way, so I said "no.

Annie's Mailbox

let her go. Unfortunately, the more this becomes a reality, the harder it is getting for me. I am seriously rethinking making the move, but I want to do what will be best for them. Any words of wisdom for me? - Brenda in California

Dear Brenda: We commend you for putting your daughter's happiness hefore your own However that doesn't mean you can't have

your cake and eat it, too. Look for a place within a short distance of Dave and Diana's new home. As soon as you are settled, check out local social organizations, or support groups for the disabled, so you will have

friends of your own and a life independent of your daughter. If you make a genuine effort not to be a burden. Diana and Dave will cherish having you nearby.

Dear Annie: I have a ques-

tion for you. Am I expected to give a tip to a tow-truck driver

who comes to help me through AAA? I pay quite a bit to have an AAA membership, and when I recently needed it because I got a flat tire, the tow-truck driver hung around waiting for a tip. I did not have any cash on me and felt uncomfortable. I said "thank you" numerous times and then just left

If I'd had the money, should I have tipped him?

- Bergen County, N.J. Dear Bergen: According to AAA, members are never expected to tip.

It is one of the benefits of membership, although if the person feels that the tow-truck driver has performed service above and beyond, tipping is certainly per-

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What most Kids object to about School is of the thing MYA

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IF THEY GAVE GOLD STARS FOR ANNOYING PEOPLE, DENNIS WOULD HAVE A GALAXY BY NOW."

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"For crying out loud, gentlemen! That's us! Someone's installed the one-way mirror in backwards





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8	NEWS	Hardball With Chris	s Matthews	The O'Reilly Facto		FOX News (CC)	1	Fox and Friends		Fox and Friends		American Morning	
9	SPORTS	•(5:00) NBA Baske	tball Teams to Be A	nnounced. (Taped)	NBA Fastbreak (CC)	 SportsCenter 		College Football	Teams TBA. (Taped)				
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30	CNN-I	Larry King Live (Ci	C)	CNNI World News	●World Sport	Business Internati	onal	Asia Tonight	Biz Asia	CNNI World News	World Report	Biz Asia	Business Interna- tional
31	GOLF	•(4:30) European F Open – Final Round	PGA Golf Scottish	Golf Central	Golf Channel Ju- nior Academy	Golf With Style	 Golf Academy Liv Rick Martino. 	ve Golf instructor	 Golf Academy Liv Rick Smith. 	ve Golf instructor	•Golf Central	Golf Channel Academy	•Golf With Style
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34	TOON	Samurai Jack	Dexter's Laborato- ry	Codename: Kids Next Door	Justice League	Powerpuff Girls!	Cartoon Cartoon C		Looney Tunes	I Am Weasel	Sheep in the Big City	Detective Squad	
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43	FOX	Remington Steele I think agents are beh a singer's life. (CC)	nind the attempts on	St. Elsewhere Auso friend seeks a kidne African boy. (CC)	chlander's physician by donor for an	That '70s Show The guys go back to school.	Quintuplets The family is in a TV special. (N) (CC)	hausted couple with der the age of 8. (N) (CC)	(CC)	th Shepard Smith	The Bob Newhart Show "Death of a Fruitman"	The Bob Newhart Show "The Heavy- weights"
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46	COURT	braces himself when doctor. (CC)		of a suspected ar- son fire. (CC)	Cops Interception of Miami cocaine shipment. (CC)	The Investigators of cide claim.	'Pretty Poison' Sui-	Forensic Files	Psychic Detec- tives (N)	The Investigators '	Heartshot" (N)	Caught	Masterminds Cat burglar steals \$1 million.
48	STR-WLD		The Drew Carey Show (CC)	Star News Focus Asia		Ed (CC)		Philly (CC)		Third Watch (CC)		Friends (CC)	Ed (CC)
50	LIFE	Reynolds, Naomi W. diary. (CC)	atts. A man looks for	ma) Neil Patrick Han a woman named in I	nis late granddad's	The Nanny Fran and Val get a sur- prise visit. (CC)	The Golden Girls Blanche's teacher offers a deal. (CC)	The Nanny "Fair Weather Fran" (CC)	The Golden Girls Blanche's father visits. (CC)	Providence "The Pl Sydney sees Kyle's a special interest in	sexy therapist taking him. (CC)	Suddenly Susan Jack announces pay cuts. (CC)	Paid Program
51	ABCFAM	(5:00) "The Christn Fantasy) Richard Th Bridges, Maria Pitillo	nomas, Beau n. (CC)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? Hal- loween show. (CC)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? "Weird Newscasters."	The 700 Club (CC)		Family Matters Steve decorates for Christmas.	Family Matters Carl goes duck hunting. (CC)	Paid Program	Paid Program	The 700 Club (CC)	
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58	ADV 1		Game for It	Total Adventure "Paragliding Ethiopia" (CC)	 Adventure Challe 	-	Shoot the Crea- ture "Gray Whales"	Chasing Time "Rome"	Game for It	•X Power		Next Wave Study- ing bull elephant seals.	Total Adventure Ten best dive sites
59	MTV	Nick & Jessica's Fa (CC)	-	Pimp My Ride A 1985 Chevy Subur- ban.	Pimp My Ride A 1991 Ford Escort.	True Life "I'm Back Travelling Europe.		True Life "I'm in an ship" Interracial cou	ples.	True Life 'I Have a People rent houses	on the shore.	True Life "I Live to motorcyclists.	
60	NICK	Juice "Rugrats/Sponge- Bob SquarePants"	Juice "The Wild Thornberrys"	Juice "CatDog/The Angry Beavers"	Juice "As Told By Ginger"	Scaredy Camp Solitary night game at lake.	SpongeBob SquarePants (CC)	All That	Even Stevens (CC)	The Brothers Gar- cia (CC)	Cousin Skeeter (CC)	Figure It Out	Legends of the Hidden Temple

Afternoon 12:00 Japan Senior High School Soccer (4) 12:30 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (12) 1:30 Japan Senior High School Rugby (6) 4:35 Japan Senior High School Soccer (42) 5:50 News (6)

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1:000 America's Top 40 (42)
2:05 Japan Senior High School Soccer Highlights (4)

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Morning 6:15 World News

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9:15 Economic News
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11:15 NBA: Milwaukee Bucks ers 1:10 Football Mundial 1:30 X-Games 2004 2:15 Asian News 3:35 World Amazing Sports

4:15 Asian News 5:15 World News Hour

JAPAN TV-BS11

Morning 9:50 Aerobics 10:00 Classical Music: Magdalena Kozena

10:00 Classical Music: Magdalena Kozi (mezzo soprano)(7) 11:15 Wonderful Nature Afternoon 3:00 U.S. Movie (1991): White Fang (1:50) Evening 7:00 NHK News

8:00 Australian-U.S. Movie (1998): Babe: Pig in the City (1:40) 10:00 TV Series: Alias 2 12:00 Overseas Drama: Hornblower 2 (r) wowow

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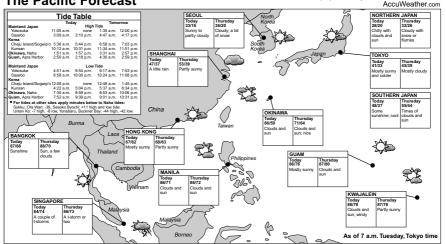
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TOKYO

Friday: Partly sunny, high 57, low 41. Saturday: Mostly sunny, high 43. low 33.

KADENA Friday: Partly sunny, high 72 Joyr 59

Friday: Partly sunny, high 72, low 59. Saturday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 65, low 56.

SEOUL Friday: Sunny,

high 28, low 8. Saturday: Mostly sunny, high 23, low 6.

MANILA

Friday: Partly sunny, high 86, low 73. Saturday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 85, low 72.

HAGATNA

Friday: Partly sunny, high 91, low 78. Saturday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 87, low 76.

Monday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	49/40	Los Angeles	58/48
Amarillo	60/42	Little Rock	68/57
Anchorage	43/31	Louisville	63/49
Asheville	66/49	Miami	78/67
Baltimore	66/48	Milwaukee	34/25
Birmingham	72/53	Nashville	69/56
Bismarck	7/-11	New York	57/44
Boise	36/20	Omaha	23/18
Boston	55/38	Orlando	80/56
Brownsville	84/70	Philadelphia	59/48
Buffalo	44/30	Phoenix	62/51
Burlington	41/24	Pittsburgh	56/44
Charleston, S	C 75/52	Portland, OR	42/28
Charlotte	69/50	Portland, ME	46/30
Cleveland	47/36	Salt Lake City	44/33
Columbus, Oh	57/42	St. Louis	50/37
Duluth	12/-5	San Antonio	76/66
El Paso	61/48	San Diego	59/50
Hartford	55/38	San Juan	84/72
Helena	14/-10	Tampa	80/58
Indianapolis	57/40	Tulsa	53/41
Jacksonville	77/51	Washington	64/48
Kansas City	36/26	Wichita	40/30



U.S. Extended Forecast Wednesday, a storm will gather

Wednesday, a storm will gather strength over the mid-Mississippi Valley. A stationary front extending past of the storm will be the focus for rain and drizzle murn will be the focus for rain and drizzle murn will be the focus for rain and drizzle murn will be the focus for rain and drizzle murn will affect places such as Buffalo, Albany and Boston. Snow will also tall across the carlot Plains, the Upper Midwest and the lower Great Lakes. Thunderstorms will enrupt across the southern Plains. It will be rather tranuil in the Southeast. Aside from a few flurries over the Rockies, dry weather is expected in the West.

Wednesday's Pacific Temperatures

Wednesday's World Temperatures

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Bangkok	87/68	lwakuni	46/35	Sasebo NB	48/38	Acapulco	91/76	Budapest	41/31	Kabul	44/20	Nairobi	84/56	
Beijing	30/19	Kadena AB	66/59	Sapporo	28/20	Athens	50/44	Buenos Aires	93/72	Kiev	26/20	New Delhi	74/44	
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Christchurch	68/48	Kwajalein	86/78	Shanghai	47/37	Baghdad	65/30	Cancun	82/70	London	41/36	Paris	45/35	
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Hagatna	86/76	Misawa AB	28/18	Sydney	83/63	Barcelona	55/44	Geneva	40/35	Mexico City	75/43	Rome	56/43	
Hanoi	72/61	Osan	34/17	Taegu	43/26	Berlin	37/28	Istanbul	41/34	Montreal	15/7	St. Petersburg	28/18	
Hong Kong	67/62	Perth	82/66	Taipei	71/60	Bermuda	72/62	Jerusalem	46/31	Mogadishu	91/75	Stockholm	37/31	
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College basketball

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 A. Ransas Wednesday,
 A. Oklahoma State (9-1) did not play. Next:
at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, Monday.
 A. North Carolina (12-1) beat William & Mary
105-66. Next: vs. No. 24 Maryland, Saturday.
 S. Wake Forest (12-1) beat No. 25 Virginia

wake Forest (12-1) beat No. 25 Virginia 88-70. Next: at Clemson, Saturday.
 Duke (8-0) beat Clemson 62-54. Next: vs. Princeton, Wednesday.
 Syracuse (13-1) did not play. Next: at St. John's, Wednesday.

7. Syncuse (13-1) did not play. Next at St. John's Wednesday. did not play. Next vs. South Carolina, Wednesday. South Carolina, Wednesday. South Carolina, Wednesday. South Carolina, Wednesday. Next vs. South Carolina, Wednesday. Next vs. 10. Pittsburgh' (10-1) lost to Bucknell 69-66. Next vs. Seeport wednesday. Next vs. 21. Conzaga (15-2) did not play. Next at 31.3 Weshington (11-1) beat Stanford F7-1. 13. Weshington (11-1) post Stanford F7-1. Next at California. Thursday. Next vs. 41. 4.4 ricon, (15-2) beat Artiona State 97-7. Next at California. Thursday.

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Tie. Towik (11-1) did not play, Next: vs. mics-my. Wednesdays. State (10-5) lost to West Virginia 82-68. Next: at Maim!, Sunday, virginia 82-68. Next: Text: Auto-la Louisville (11-2) Seat Tennessee State 18. Louisville (11-2) Seat Tennessee State 18. Louisville (11-2) Seat Tennessee State 20. George Washington (82-6) did not play, Next: vs. Autorium Wednesday. 22. Continental (11-1) din or play, Next: vs. 22. Continental (11-1) din or play, Next: vs. 23. Michiaan State (8-2) did not play, Next:

DePaul, Thursday.

23. Michigan State (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. Michigan State (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. Mount St. Mary's, Md., Tuesday.

25. Virginia (8-1) lost to No. 5 Wake Forest 89-70. Next: vs. W. Kentucky, Wednesday.

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Women's AP Top 25 fared

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1. LSU (13-0) beat Tulane 79-45. Next: at No. 24 Rutners, Wadnesday. 24 Rutgers, Wednesday. 2. Duke (13-1) did not play. Next: vs. Holy Cross, Tuesday. 3. Baylor (10-1) did not play. Next: at Texas A&M, Wednesday.

3. Baylor (10-1) to not play, wext at rexas A&M, Wednesday. 4. Texas (7-3) lost to No. 24 Rutgers 51-47. Next: vs. Kansas, Wednesday. 5. Stanford (10-2) beat Washington State 72-39. Next: vs. Washington, Tuesday. 6. Notre Dame (12-1) Beat Seton Hall 54-33.

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7-50. Next: at No. 2 onlo State, Thursday,
7-50. Next: at No. 2 onlo State
13. Baston College (16.1) beat West Wegn
14. Baston College (16.1) beat West Wegn
15. Vanderbull (11) beat Troy 75-50. Next
16. Georgia (11.1) beat Troy 75-50. Next
17. Sanitrod (111-1) beat Troy 75-50. Next
18. Vanderbull (121) beat Troy 75-50. Next
19. Vanderbull (121) beat Troy 75-60. Next
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22. Kansas State (9-2) beat Central Con-ecticut State 77-23. Next: at Iowa State 22. Kansas State (9-2) beat Central Con-necticut State 77-23. Next: at lowa State, Wednesday. Next: vs. Oregon, Tuesday. 24. Rutgers (8-2) beat No. 4 Texas 51-47. Next: vs. No. 1 LSU, Wednesday, 25. New Mexico (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Morgan State, Tuesday.

Sunday's women's scores

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AND HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN

Clemson 71, Georgetown 62 pelaware 69, Va. Commonwealth 44 Florida 58, South Florida 50 Furman 52, UNC-Greensboro 50 Georgia 68, Fenn. Martin 52 High Point 63, Appalachian estal Backsonville 67 Georgia 68, Tenn.-Martin 52 High Point 63, Appalachian St. 61 Jacksonville St. 71, Auburn 66 Kentucky 85, St. Francis, Pa. 73 LSU 79, Tulane 45 Lander 61, Carson-Newman 59 Lander 61, Carson-Newman 59 Miami 93, Coppin St. 83 N.C.-Wilmington 67, Hofstra 57 S.C.-Aiken 71, Presbyterian 59 Tennessee 68, Old Dominion 58 Vanderbilt 78, Troy St. 50

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Virginia 65, South Carolina 49
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Texas A&M-Corp. Chr. 75, Steph. F.Austin 62 Texas Tech 86, Idaho St. 52 FAR WEST Colorado 73, Manhattan G Colorado 73, Manhattan G Colorado 5t. 69, N. Colorado 5 Loyola Marymount 59, UC Santa Barbara 58 Puget Sound 71, Cal Lutheran 67 Santa Clara 79, E. Washington 52 Southern Cal 77, Oregon 72 Stanford 72, Washington St. 39

Stanford 72, Washington St. 3 UC Irvine 86, San Diego 81 UCLA 73, Oregon St. 45 UNLV 92, Canislus 66 Washington 65, California 52 Weber St. 70, Portland 50

TOURNAMENTS
Beach Ball Classic
Westminster, Mo. 61, Villa Julie 53
Holiday Inn-Maismith Classic
First Round
Marymount, Va. 67, Rhode Island Coll. 46
Springfield 64, Plattsburgh 47

Hockey

World Junior Championship

Quarterfinals
Czech Republic 3, Finland 0
United States 8, Sweden 1, Sweden

Monday, Jan. 3 At Grand Forks, N.D. Belarus vs. Germany Switzerland vs. Slovakia Fifth Pla Finland vs. Sweden

Tuesday, Jan. 4
At Grand Forks, N.D.
Third Place
Czech Republic vs. United States
Championship
Canada vs. Russia

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Samantha Stosur, Australia

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Camille Pin, France, def. Anca Barna, Germany, 6-2, 6-4.
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Elena Likhovtseva (7), Russia, def. Emilie Loft, France, 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-2 Frest Round Stephanie Cohen-Aloro, France, and Sel-ma Star, Tunisia, def. Yullana Fedak, Uuraling, and Julia Schruff, Germany, 6-3, 6-7, and Golovin, France, and Dinara Safina, Rus-sia, 6-4, 7-6 (3), Marta Elena Camerin and Silvia Farina Elia. Marta Elena Camerin and Silvia Farina Elia. Mana Erena Camerin and Silvia Farina Elia, Italy, def. Iveta Benesova, Czech Republic, and Antonella Serra Zanetti, Italy, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (3).

ATP Next Generation Hardcourts

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United States, def. Lleyton Hewitt and Roger Rasheed, Austra-lia, 7-6 (3), 6-7 (5), 6-2. Gaston Etils and Martin Rodriguez (1), Argentina, def. Joachim Johansson, Sweden, and Todd Woodbridge, Australia, 1-6, 7-6 (5). 54. Simon Aspelin, Sweden, and Todd Perry (4), Australia, def. Chris Haggard and Robbie Koenig, South Africa, 7-6 (2), 7-6 (2).

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Alina Jidkova, Ariba Garan Perebiya, Ukraine, Gef, Nuria Llagostera Vives. Sight, and Sivila Talana Perebiya, Ukraine, Gef, Nuria Llagostera Vives. Sight, and Sivila Talaha, Crasha, E-3, 74 G.S. Dotnik, (1), Siovenia, def, Jennife Russell, E-0, 57-1, 61.8, and Klarra Samangelo, Italy, Evip Dominiquo's, Australia, and Galina Krica, and Lilia Osterioh, United States, 6-1, 7-6 (6).

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chova, Slovakia, 6-3, 6-3.

Dominik Hrbaty, Slovakia, def. Mark Philippoussis, Australia, 7-5, 6-2.

Molik and Philippoussis def. Hantuchova and Hrbaty 6-7 (9), 6-3, 11-9 (tiebreak).

Anastasia Myškina, Russia, def. Annal-ena Groeneleid, Germany, 6-3, 6-3, Tommy Haas, Germany, 6-4, Marat Safin, Russia, 6-3, 6-6, 6-1. Groenefeld and Haas def. Myskina and Safin 7-5, 1-6, 10-6 (tiebreak)

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DOHA, Qatar — Results from Monday matches at the \$1 million (seedings in paren-theses):

First Round Singles (1), Switzerland, def. David

Deals

Weekend transactions

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
MEMPHIS GRIZZUES—Placed F Ryan Hum
phrey on the injured list. Activated F Briar
Cardinal from the injured list. pnrey on the injured list Activated Parlan
Cardinal from the injured list.

REW YORK KINCS—Placed G. Jamison
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Penny Hardaway from the injured list.

OKLANDO MAGIC—Placed F Michael Bradley on the injured list. Activated C Kelvin
Cato from the injured list.

FOOTBALL

DETROIT LIONS—Agreed to terms with DT

n Rogers on a six-year contr COLLEGE

COLLEGE

NEBRASKA—Dismissed junior RB David

Horne from the football team.

TANK MCNAMARA BIG-BIZ CONFERENCE TEAMS WERE IN THREE BOWLS THIS SEASON WITH A COMBINED PAYOUT OF \$20.3 MILLION

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Bucknell beats Pitt in stunner

Lightly regarded Patriot League invader is toughest in the clutch

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH - Bucknell opened a lot of eyes earlier in the week with a road victory against Saint Joseph's. The Bison left a lot of people with open mouths with their next act.

How about a 69-66 victory at No. 10 Pittsburgh on Sunday night?

The Bison were facing the high-Men's Top 25

est-ranked op ponent in their history and beat the Panthers for the first time since Jan. 11. 1975.

when Bucknell's coach was a young man named Jim Valvano.

"I don't know where to put it," Bison coach Pat Flannery said when asked to rank the victory in school history. "You don't play these games on your schedule without thinking you can come in and beat them. I felt like we could come in and play with them. I'll put it in perspective when I calm down

"Our guys were well aware of how good they were coming in Pitt coach Jaime Dixon said. "It was one of those nights as far as how we played. But our defense is not where it needs to be.'

Kevin Bettencourt made two free throws with 23 seconds remaining to give the Bison the lead for good Chris McNaughton scored 17

points, Charles Lee had 14, including the last two free throws with 2.3 seconds left, and Bettencourt added 13 for Bucknell (9-4), which has won six straight.

"It's a lot of fun to play a game like that," McNaughton said. "To

end up winning, it's just tremendous for us. The way we played as a team made the difference."

Carl Krauser had 20 points for Pitt (10-1), which saw the end of a 48-game home winning streak against non-conference teams.

"We were ready for the game, but when we got here, it was a dif-ferent story." Krauser said. "They came out blazing and we didn't step up to the challenge as well as we should have. Everyone hates to lose a game like this. It's an eye-opener.

Chris Taft had 19 points for Pitt, which trailed by nine points at halftime. Freshman Ronald Ramon sparked a second-half comeback for Pitt, hitting consecutive three-pointers to complete a 14-1 run and give the Panthers a 51-50 lead.

Bucknell rebuilt a four-point lead with 3:50 left, but Antonio Graves and Krauser three-pointers to give Pitt a 64-62 lead with 2 minutes left.

Rettencourt converted three-point play with 1:37 left to put Bucknell ahead 65-64. Krauser answered with a basket on Pitt's next possession, and could have made it a three-point lead as he cruised in for a layup with 58 seconds left.

The shot blocked from behind by Abe Badmus and Graves was then called for a foul away from the ball with 23 seconds remaining. Bettencourt's free throws gave Bucknell a 67-66 lead

On Pitt's next possession, Krauser slipped while trying to drive the lane and was called for traveling

Pitt got the ball back with 13 seconds left when Bucknell

Donald Brown (4) and Darren Mastropaolo celebrate Bucknell's 69-66 upset of No. 10 Pittsburgh on Sunday, the Panthers' first loss in 11 games. Bucknell, a member of the Patriot League, improved to 9-4.

turned it over on the inbounds

Graves missed a 15-footer with 5 seconds left and Lee, fouled on the rebound, made two free throws. Krauser's desperation shot at the buzzer bounced off the

No. 5 Wake Forest 89, No. 25 Virginia 70: At Charlottesville, Va., Chris Paul had 21 points and nine assists and Justin Gray had

six points in a 13-0 run early in the second half for the Demon Deacons (12-1), who won their seventh straight in the Atlantic Coast Conference opener. The outcome snapped a string of eight straight victories in the series by

Freshman Adrian Joseph starting in place of injured leading scorer Devin Smith, had 19 points for the Cavaliers (8-2), who have lost 10 straight ACC openers.

No. 6 Duke 62, Clemson 54: At Durham, N.C., J.J. Redick had 20 of his 24 points in the second half and role player Lee Melchionni made two clutch three-pointers as the Blue Devils (9-0) rallied in their ACC opener.
Shelden Williams had 13 points

and 16 rebounds for Duke, which won its 18th straight over the Ti-gers. Sharrod Ford led Clemson (9-4) with 20 points.

No. 15 Texas 89, UNLV 82: At Austin, Texas, P.J. Tucker had 25 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Longhorns (10-2), who took control with a late 12-1 run Romel Beck and Jerel Blassin-

ame each had 17 points for the Runnin' Rebels (6-5)

Selig OKs Johnson's move to Yankees

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - The drawn-out deal to send Randy Johnson to the New York Yankees was approved by Major League Baseball commissioner Bud Selig, making a contract extension the last obstacle to the Arizona Diamondbacks-Yankees swap, The Associated Press learned on Monday. New York was given until

Thursday to come to terms with the five-time Cy Young Award winner, two baseball officials said on condition of anonymity. Johnson's current deal pays him \$16 million in 2005 and expires after this season.

In the deal, the Diamondbacks would receive pitchers Javier Vazquez and Brad Halsey, young catcher Dioner Navarro and \$9 million to be paid over three

Arizona also agreed on Monday to a proposed trade that would send Navarro to the Los Angeles Dodgers as part of a package for Shawn Green. The outfielder was part of a three-team, 10-player swap involving Johnson and the Yankees that collapsed month when Los Angeles backed out

Selig granted the Diamond backs until Thursday to work out an extension for Green, who will make \$16 million this year, then can become a free agent.

Meanwhile, Tanyon Sturtze and the Yankees agreed on Monday to a one-year contract that guarantees the right-hander \$1 million

He was 6-2 with a 5.47 ERA in three starts and 25 relief appear ances for the Yankees last year and appeared in six postseason games. Sturtze, 34, was acquired om Los Angeles on May 15 for infielder Brian Myrow.

Gretzky fears a multiyear shutdown of NH Miles is 28-21 in four seasons

The Associated Press

GRAND FORKS, N.D. Wayne Gretzky fears the NHL could be shut down for as long as two years if a labor deal is not reached soon

Gretzky, the NHL's career scoring leader and part owner of the Phoenix Coyotes, said an "even more alarming" scenario could await the league if the lockout is not settled in the next few days

"I'm scared we could be looking at a year, year and a half, two years, not just three months like a lot of people thought back in September," Gretzky said during a news conference Sunday at the site of the World Junior Championships, in which Canada will meet Russia in Tuesday's final. The NHL board of governors is

to meet Jan. 14 in New York. The league rejected a union proposal and its own counteroffer was

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turned down during a session Dec. 14. No talks are scheduled. "From the standpoint of own-

ers, players and fans, everyone is disappointed there is no hockey," Gretzky said.

Since the players are not paid between April and October. Gretzky said there may be little chance of any breakthrough during the summer on a new collective bargaining agreement

"We're going to be back where we were last Sept. 15 come this Sept. 15," he said

Miles hired as LSU coach

BATON ROUGE, La. - LSU has picked Les Miles to replace Nick Sahan as football coach

Miles' hiring was announced

Monday by school president William Jenkins.

The 51-year-old Miles, who led Oklahoma State to three straight bowl games, emerged as the top candidate Saturday, after Louisville coach Bobby Petrino withdrew from consideration.

The LSU job opened when Saban took the head coaching job with the Miami Dolphins on Dec. 25. The school hoped to complete the search quickly to allow the new coach to immediately get involved with recruiting. The process was delayed because the most prominent candidates were in bowl games or in the NFL.

Arkansas football coach Houston Nutt withdrew from consideration on Thursday.

LSU hoped to interview Jacksonville Jaguars head coach Jack Del Rio, but the parties involved were apparently unable to set up a meeting.

with the Cowboys, who made just one bowl appearance in the seasons before he arrived. His biggest wins came against the Cowhovs' instate rival Oklahoma, in his first two seasons.

On Wednesday, Oklahoma State lost 33-7 to Ohio State in the Alamo Bowl

Angels add L.A. to name

ANAHEIM, Calif. - Baseball's Angels have a new name, and it's a mouthful: The Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim

The switch will "strengthen the Angels' long-term economic health by enhancing the marketability through this metropolitan area and beyond," the team said Monday.

the But American League club's latest in a series of name changes could provoke a fight with the Anaheim City Council.

Anaheim officials claim the change breaks the terms of the team's 33-year lease with the city.

When the franchise began in 1961, owned by singing cowboy Gene Autry, it was the Los Ange les Angels. The team became the California Angels when it moved to Anaheim in 1966. In 1997, when the team was controlled by The Walt Disney Co., the fran-chise was renamed the Anaheim

Arte Moreno bought the team in 2003, one year after it won the World Series, and he wanted to change the name.

IOC gives \$1 million

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — The International Olympic Committee will donate \$1 million for disaster relief following the tsuna mi-earthquake in South Asia.

The donation came as the death toll around the Indian Ocean rim approached 140,000 on Monday.

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NBA scoreboard

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Toronto	10	21	.323	61/2
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Miami	25	7	.781	-
Washington	16	13	.552	71/2
Orlando	15	13	.536	8
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Memphis	15	17	.469	10					
New Orleans		26	.071	21					
Northwest Division									
Seattle	22	6	.786	-					
Minnesota		12	.571	6					
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Sunday Wizards 104, Hawks 101

ATLANTA — A.Walker 7-14 1-218, Jos.Smith 2-6-0-4, Collier 1-40-02, Harrington 6-14-2-2 14, Lue 5-11-6-71, Delk 6-16-6-71, Willis 2-3-1-25, Childress 3-7-2-28, Ney 0-2-0-0, Drobn-jak 6-3-3-15, Anderson 0-1-0-0 0. Totals

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WASHINGTON — Jamison 6-14 6-7 19, Jeffries 3-3 0-16, Haywood 4-6 3-7 11, Hughes 7-24 11-13 26, Arenas 7-15 2-4 17, Hayes 2-8, 2-26, Ruffin 0-2 0-0, Peeler 1-1 0-0 2, Blake 1-3 0-0 2, Dixon 6-10 0-0 15, Totals 37-86 24-34

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Suns 117, Trail Blazers 98

PORTLAND — Miles 10-22 -S-8 25 Abdur-Rahim 6-11 2-5 14, Randolph 10-17 2-2 22, Van Exel 3-6 12 5, Anderson 4-9 0-0 8, Przybilla 1-3 0-0 2, Patterson 4-5 0-1 8, Stoudamire 4-9 0-0 9, Telfair 1-5 0-0 2, Tout-law 0-0 0-0, Frahm 0-0 0-0. Totals 43-87

PHOENIX - Richardson 8-14 0-2 20, Marion 7-15 1-1 18, Stoolemen 5-27, 10-7 20, 10-80,

Clippers 89, 76ers 83

PHILADELPHIA — Iguodala 1-6 0-0 2, Thomas 3-10 8-9 14, Dalembert 0-1 1-2 1, Green 3-0-0, Iverson 16-30 3-55, Jackson 2-92-4, Williamson 1-6 2-4 4, Korver 4-12 0-0 12, Salmons 3-7 0-0 7, Oillie 0-0-2 0, Skinner 1-3 0-1 C

Three-Point Goals—Philadeiphia 5-15 (Korver 4-10, Salmons 1-5), L.A. Clippers 3-6 (Brunson 2-3, Maggette 1-2, Simmons 0-1), Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Philadeiphia 52 (Thomas 5), L.A. Clippers 54 (Brand, Kaman 12). Assists—Philadeiphia 11 (Iverson 6), L.A. Clippers 17 (Brunson 9). Total fouls—Philadeiphia 27, L.A. Clippers 25. Technical—Philadeiphia Defensive Three Second.

Rockets 99, Jazz 80

UTAH — Harpring 4-11 4-6 12, Boozer 6-2-4 14, Borchardt 0-3 0-2 0, McLeod 5-11 2-1 21, Bell 0-4 0-0, Girlicek 5-11 4-315, Okur 5-1 1-1 12, Snyder 4-9 0-0 9, Humphries 0-2 2-2 2 Lopez 0-0 0-0 0, Arroyo 1-4-2 2-4, Radojevi 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 30-77 17-23 80. DOS 0, TOTAL 9, 1717, 23.0.

HOUSTON — McGrady 6-18 10-12 25.

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Mavericks 123, Bucks 104

MILWAUKEE — Smith 2-10 2-2 6, Mason -13 2-3 12, Gadzuric 5-7 2-6 12, Redd 8-18 0-0 8, M.Williams 4-7 4-4 13, James 9-13 0-0 20, achulia 4-9 3-6 11, Gill 1-4 3-4 5, Fizer 3-6 1-2

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Kings 86, Spurs 81

Lakers 99, Nuggets 91

DENYER - Anthony 7-21 13-14 27, Martin 4-12 3-5 11, Nene 6-11 4-6 16, Dubnison 6-13 0-12, Miller 3-7 1-2 7, Elson 2-3 0-0 4, Russell 1-4 0-0 2, Boykins 4-11 2-2 11, White 0-4 1-2 1, 1-2 1, White 0-4 1-2 1, White 0-4 1-2 1, 1-2 1, White 0-4 1-2 1, White 0-4 1-2 1, 1-2 1-2 1, White 1-4 1-2 1, White 0-4 1-2 1, 1-2 1-2 1, White 1-4 1-2 1, White 1-4 1-2 1, October 1-4 1-2 1, 1-2 1-2 1-4 2, Atkins 2-9 2-2 8, Cook 0-4 4-4, Grant 0-2 0-0 0, Jones 2-5 0-5, Brown 2-4 0-0 5 1, White 1-4 1-4 1, White 1-4 1-4 1, White 1

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Suns' Stoudemire nets 50

Amare Stoudemire had 30 points after three quarters against Portland, and scoring 50 still was far from his mind.

It wasn't until he heard a voice from the crowd that the young Phoenix phenom realized he had a chance to reach that milestone.

"I heard one of the fans say 46, and that's when I thought about it." he said. "But I wasn't pressing

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game." Stoudemire finished right at 50, leading Phoenix to a

117-98 victory over the Trail Blazers on Sunday night.

The crowd of 18,166 was cheer ing wildly in the final minutes as Stoudemire approached the mark, and the fans got their wish with 43.2 seconds left when he made a 15-foot turnaround jump shot. Stoudemire, who scored on a va

riety of dunks, jumpers and power moves, was so dominant that he reminded teammate Ouen tin Richardson of one of the

NBA's greatest players. "Amare Stoudemire looked like Wilt Chamberlain," Richardson

"It wasn't all power, because a lot of moves were finesse out there," said Stoudemire, who also had 11 rebounds. "The power moves allow me to finesse it up and catch them off guard."

Stoudemire shot 20-for-27 from the floor and 10-for-17 from the foul line. Richardson added 20 for Phoenix.

Darius Miles led Portland with 25 points and Zach Randolph had 22 points and 14 rehounds

Miles was among the many Portland players impressed by Stoudemire's awesome perfor

"He just makes one move and he can go hard one way and jump over his defender," Miles said.

Lakers 99, Nuggets 91: At Los Angeles, Kobe Bryant scored the Lakers' first 14 points in the fourth quarter and finished with 42

Former Lakers star Michael Cooper lost for the first time as an NBA coach. He was promoted to coach in Denver last Tuesday after the firing of Jeff Bzdelik and won in his debut Friday against Philadelphia



Suns forward Amare Stoudemire slam dunks during the second half against the Trail Blazers. Stoudemire scored a career-high 50 points.

Bryant had his third straight 40-point game and the Lakers won consecutive games for the sixth time this season.

Carmelo Anthony led Denver with 27 points in his second game back since missing six with a sprained ankle. Kenyon Martin returned to the Denver lineur after missing Friday's game with a sore back and finished with 11 points in 28 minutes.

Kings 86, Spurs 81: At Sacramento, Calif., Peja Stojakovic had 28 points, including siv three-pointers, and Mike Bibby scored 13 of his 16 points in the second half for the Kings

Chris Webber added 14 points and 13 rebounds for Sacramento, snapped the which Spurs five-game winning streak. The Kings also avoided their first three-game home losing streak since April 2000.

Manu Ginobili scored 18 points for San Antonio, but Tim Duncan got just six of his 14 points in the second half as the Spurs lost in Sacramento for just the second time in five trips.

Mavericks 123. Bucks 104: At Dallas, Dirk Nowitzki scored 39 points and Josh Howard got 11 of his 25 in the fourth quarter to help the Mavericks pull away. Nowitzki hit 14 of 25 shots from the floor in his 11th 30-point game of the season. Dallas shot 53 percent from the floor and equaled its highest scoring output

of the season. Howard held Milwaukee's Michael Redd to 18 points, nearly five below his average. Mike James led the Bucks with 20

Pistons 100, Celtics 88: At Au-burn Hills, Mich., Rasheed Wallace had 23 points and 12 rebounds to lead Detroit to its fourth victory in fives games.

Six Pistons scored in double figures, including Tayshaun Prince, who had 18 points

Rookie Tony Allen had a season-high 18 points. Jiri Welsch added 14 points and Paul Pierce 13 for the Celtics, who have won just one of their last five games.

Rockets 99, Jazz 80: At Houston, Tracy McGrady scored 25 points to lead the Rockets to their third straight victory. Bob Sura tied season highs with 24 points. 10 rebounds and five steals for Houston, which won for the 10th time in 14 games.

Gordon Giricek had 15 points

to lead the Jazz, who lost their fifth straight.

Deal to sell Cavs complete; team won't move

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The founder of the nation's largest online mortgage company agreed to buy the Cleveland Cavaliers from owner Gordon Gund, acquiring a team that has surged from the NBA's depths since the arrival of LeBron James

Dan Gilbert of Detroit, founder of Quicken Loans, said in an e-mail to The Associated Press on Monday that he will assume ownership of the Cavaliers and 20,000-seat Gund Arena once the league's board of governors approves the deal.

Although financial terms were not immediately known, Gilbert heads an ownership group that reportedly offered Gund \$375 mil-

Gund plans to keep a minority stake, but Gilbert will be responsi ble for the club's day-to-day oper-

Gilbert said he has no plans to relocate the Cavaliers, a possibility that had made Cleveland fans nervous when they heard Gund was selling the team.

"We will not be moving the Cleveland Cavaliers," Gilbert said. "They will be staying put in downtown Cleveland right where they belong. A professional sports team has the responsibility to serve the community in which it resides. We will be committed to the fans of Cleveland sports to be as passionate and energized as they are about finally

Gund released a statement confirming his agreement with Gilbert and his intent to remain a minority shareholder.

bringing a title home."

NFL scoreboard

American Conference											
	East										
	W L	т	Pct								
x-New England	14 2		.875								
z-N.Y. Jets	10 6		.625	333	261						
Buffalo	9 7	0	.563	395	284						
Miami	4 12	0	.250	275	354						
	South										
x-Indianapolis	12 4	0	.750	522	351						
Jacksonville	9 7	0	.563	261	280						
Houston	7 9	0	.438	309	339						
Tennessee	5 11	0	.313	344	439						
	North										
xv-Pittsburgh	15 1	0	.938	372	251						
Baltimore	9 7	0	.563	317	268						
Cincinnati	8 8	0	.500	374	372						
Cleveland	4 12	0	.250	276	390						
	West										
x-San Diego	12 4	0	.750	446	313						
z-Denver	10 6	ō	.625	381	300						
Kansas City	7 9	ō	.438	483	435						
Oakland	5 11	ō		320	443						
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National Conference

E	ast					
	W	L	Т	Pct	PF	P/
xv-Philadelphia	13	3	0	.813	386	260
N.Y. Giants	6	10	0	.375	303	347
Dallas	6	10	0	.375	293	405
Washington	6	10	0	.375	240	265
	outl					
x-Atlanta	11	5	0	.688	340	337
New Orleans	8	8	0	.500	348	403
Carolina				.438		
Tampa Bay	5	11	0	.313	301	304
	orti					
x-Green Bay	10	6	0	.625	424	380
z-Minnesota	8	8	0	.500	405	395
Detroit	6	10	0	.375	296	350
Chicago			0	.313	231	33
	(es	t				
x-Seattle	9	7	0	.563	371	373
z-St. Louis	8	8	0	.500	319	392
Arizona	6	10	0	.375	284	322
San Francisco	- 2	14	0	.125	259	452
x-clinched division;	y-c	lincl	ned	con	fere	nce
z-clinched wild card						
Sunday			es			
Tennessee 24, Detroit	19					
Baltimore 30, Miami 2	23					

Baltimore 30, Miami 23 Green Bay 31, Chicago 14 St. Louis 32, N.Y. Jets 29, OT Cleveland 22, Houston 14 Washington 21, Minnesota 18 Pittsburgh 29, Buffalo 24 New Orleans 21, Carolina 18 New England 21, San Francisc Cincinnati 38, Philadelphia 10 Seattle 28, Atlanta 26 seattle 28, Atlanta 26 Arizona 12, Tampa Bay 7 San Diego 24, Kansas City 17 Denver 33, Indianapolis 14 Jacksonville 13, Oakland 6 N.Y. Giants 28, Dallas 24

Wild-card playoffs

St. Louis at Seattle N.Y. Jets at San Diego Sunday, Jan. 9 Saturday, Jan. 8

Sunday Patriots 21, 49ers 7

San Francisco New England					ò			7-2
		First	Oua	ırt	er			
SF-Bush 4 kick), 2:48,	•				,	′	(Pet	tersor
	5	Secon	d Ou	ıaı	ter			
NE-Vrabel kick), 5:57.	1	pass	fro	m	Brac	ly	(Vi	nater
	_	Thire	Qua	art	er .		00	

NE-Branch 8 pass from Brady (Vinatieri kick), 8:50. Fourth Quarter NE—Dillon 6 run (Vinatieri kick), 14:24.

	SF	N
First downs	15	40 40
Total Net Yards	318	40
Rushes-vards	35-135	28-17
Passing	183	23
Punt Returns	1-10	4-
Kickoff Returns	4-97	2-5
Interceptions Ret.	1-31	0
Comp-Att-Int	18-29-0	23-34
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-6	1
Punts	5-42.8	4-38
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	3
Penalties-Yards	7-64	
Time of Possession	30:48	29:1
INDIVIDUAL STA	TISTICS	
Rushing-San Francisco,	Barlow	25-10
Hicks 10-32. New England	I, Dillon	14-11

December 25: New England, Dillon 14: 10. Lobbs 5-20, Pass 4-16, 8J.ohnson 1-11, Abdul-hi 2-5, Brady 1-3, Davey 1-3, Davey 1-3, Davey 1-8, Brady 1-8, Br Davey 1-4-0-10.

Receiving—San Francisco, Conway 4-44, Woods 3-76, EJohnson 3-28, Barlow 2-11, Bush 2-10, Hicks 2-10, Wilson 1-7, Walker 2-13, Wew England, Pass 5-22, Weaver 4-62, Fauria 1-37, Branch 3-23, Glivens 2-30, BJohnson 1-15, Pattern 1-23, Dillion 1-18, T.Brown 1-6, 1-15, Pattern 1-23, Dillion 1-18, T.Brown 1-6, Pattern 1-24, Dillion 1-18, T.Brown 1-6, Pattern 1-25, Pattern 1-27, Dillion 1-18, T.Brown 1-6, Pattern 1-28, Dillion 1-18, T.Brown 1-6, Pattern 1-28, Dillion 1-18, T.Brown 1-6, Pattern 1-29, Dillion 1-

rrapel 1-1. Missed field goal—San Francisco, Peter-ion 39 (WR).

Saints 21, Panthers 18 New Orleans 7 7 7 0-21

	First Quarter					
Car-FG Kasay	/ 54, 9:24.					
NO-Stecker 7			k),	:26		
	Second Quarte	er				
NO-McAlliste	r 1 run (Carne	v I	cicl	<o. :<="" th=""><th>1:06.</th><th></th></o.>	1:06.	

Third Quarter
Car-Muhammad 9 pass from Delhomme
(Kasay kick), 4:33.
NO-Horn 44 pass from Brooks (Carney kick), 3:10.

Fourth Quarter Car—Muhammad 9 pass from Delhomme (Seidman pass from Delhomme), 5:08. A—73,302.

	NO	Car
First downs	15	21
Total Net Yards	360	320
Rushes-vards	37-164	13-46
Passing	196	274
Punt Returns	4-37	6-48
Kickoff Returns	4-58	4-113
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	14-24-0	24-50-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-20	6-33
Punts	10-40.2	8-40.1
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-3
Penalties-Yards	8-87	6-45
Time of Possession	33:32	26:28

Time of Possession 33:32 26:28
Brooks 5-1, Stecker 17, Kumpt 26, StallBrooks 5-1, Stecker 17, Kumpt 26, StallBrooks 5-1, St

Browns 22, Texans 14

Houston	7	0
First Quarter		
Cle-FG Dawson 45, 9:51.		
Hou-Wells 6 pass from C	arr	(

kick), 4:48. Second Quarter Second Quarter
Cle-FG Dawson 22, 11:28.
Cle-FG Dawson 29, 2:00.
Cle-Helden 9 pass from Holcomb (Dawson Kick), 5:28.
Fourth Quarter
Cle-FG Dawson 45, 14:99.
Cle-FG Dawson 22, 4:611.
Hou-Dawis 1 run (K.Brown kick), 1:23.
A = 70,724.

	Cle	Hou	
First downs	18	18	
Total Net Yards	364	238	
Rushes-yards	32-137		
Passing Passin	227		
Punt Returns	2-16	1-1	
Kickoff Returns		7-148	
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	2-4	
Comp-Att-Int	20-29-2		
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-1	6-28	
Punts		7-43.1	
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1	

Fumbles-Lost 0-0 1-1 Penalties-Yards 6-46 8-52 Time of Possession 34:05 25:55 **Rushing - Cleveland**, Suggs 26-131, Green 2-0, Holcomb 2-(minus 2), Jackson 1-4, Norther Cutt 1-4, Houston, D.Davis 17-103, Carr 5-28,

cuti 1-4. Houston, D.Davis 1/-1/10, Carr 7-zo, Weils 2-5. Passing—Cleveland, Holcomb 20-29-2-228. Houston, Carr 15-25-0114, Banks 11-10-16. Receiving—Cleveland, Bryant 7-87, North-cuti 5-85, Sugps 3-23, Helden 2-20, Shea 2-5, King 1-8. Houston, D.Davis 5-42, Miller 3-20, Bradford 2-24, Weils 2-14, A.Johnson 2-13, G. Missed field goals—None.

Redskins 21, Vikings 18 Minnesota 0 3 7 8-18 Washington 7 7 0 7-21

First Ouarter			
Was-Cooley 6 pass from Ramsey	(Chan-		
tler kick), 10:41.			
Second Quarter			
Min-FG Andersen 23, 11:32.			

Was-Royal 4 pass from Ramsey (Ch dler kick), 1:17. Third Quarter
Min-Moss 28 pass from Culpepper (Ander sen kick), 5:41.

Fourth Quarter
Was-Betts 1 run (Chandler kick), 10:41.
Min-Robinson 38 pass from Culpepper (O.Smith pass from Culpepper), :02.
A 76,876.

	Min	Was
First downs	21	- 1
Total Net Yards	320	3
Rushes-vards	18-52	31-11
Passing	268	20
Punt Returns	2-14	3-2
Kickoff Returns	4-85	3-1
Interceptions Ret.	1-7	0
Comp-Att-Int		17-26
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-31	3-
Punts	6-41.5	4-37
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1
Penalties-Yards	7-49	3-
Time of Possession	29:44	30:

Ilme of Possession 29-44 30:16 RUSHUDUAL STATISTICS Rushing-Minnesota, Culpepper 2-24, Benett 8-19, Osmith 5-5, M. Williams 3-4, Washington, Bets 25-518, Coles 1-6, Cartwright 2-24, Ramsey 1-(minus 1), Jacobs 1-(minus 5), Passing-Minnesota, Culpepper Passing-Minnesota, Culpepper 17-36-1216, Washington, Ramsey Received.

17:26-1-216.

Receiving Minnesota. Wiggins 7:58, Moss 5:66, Burleson 4-49, O.Smith 4-43, Robinson 3-51, Bennett 3:24, M.Williams 1-8.

Washington, Thrash 5-81, Jacobs 3:56, Coles 3-37, Cooley 3-24, Gardner 1-9, Betts 1-5, Royal 1-4,

Missed field goals—None.

Bengals 38, Eagles 10

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Cincinnati 9 III 14 7-38
Philadelphia
Second Quarter 3 0 7-10
Cin-R-Johnson 1 run (Graham kick), 12-10
Cin-R-Johnson 1 run (Graham kick), 12-10
Cin-R-Johnson 19, 110
Phi-FG Akers 46, 53
Cin-Geathers 3 interception return (Graham kick), 620
Cin-R-Johnson 1 run (Graham kick), 620
Cin-R-Johnson 1 run (Graham kick), 620
Cin-R-Johnson 1 run (Graham kick), 645
Cin-R-Johnson 1 run (Graham kick), 12-14
Cin-R-Johnson 1 run (Graham Phi-Mitch kick), 6:14. A-67,074.

Cin Phi 16 18 308 342 35-148 16-80 160 262 1-4 5-16 3-48 7-96 3-48 7-96 16-27-0 31-54-3 0-0 3-25 7-41.7 5-39.0 1-0 3-2 4-35 7-50 29:32 30:28 First downs Total Net Yards Rushes-yards Passing Punt Returns Kickoff Return Kickoff Returns Interceptions Ret. Comp-Att-Int Sacked-Yards Lost ounts Fumbles-Lost

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Titans 24. Lions 19

etroit 3 7 3 6–19 ennessee 7 7 7 3–24 First Quarter Ten-Bulluck 39 fumble return (Anderson

Ten—Bulluck 39 familier testum (Anderson kick), 1000.

Det—Fol Pairson 20, 216.

Det—Schleinger 21 plass from Harrington (Harson kick), 502.

Olimon (Marson kick), 502.

Det—Schleinger 21 plass from Nolek (Anderson kick), 100.

Ten Committee (Marson kick), 100.

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Det—Fol Marson (Anderson kick), 100.

Ten—Smith 27 und (Anderson kick), 100.

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Det Ten 23 15 434 312 26-103 26-95 331 217 1-5 4-6 4-71 4-80 0-0 1-43 33-47-1 8-33-0

Rushes-yards
Rushes-yards
Passing
Punt Returns
Kickoff Returns
Interceptions Ret.
Comp-Att-Int
Sacked-Yards Lost Punts Fumbles-Lost 5-43.0 6-39.8

Fumbles-Lost 1-1 0-0
Penalties-Yards 1-1 0-0
Penalties-Yards 6-52 7-50
Time of Possession 32:58 27:02
MDOVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing-Detroit, KJones 19-72, Bryson 5-18, Harrington 2-13. Tennessee, ASmith 21-89, Fleming 3-8, D.Johnson 2-(minus 2), Passing-Detroit, Harrington 33-841-346.
Tennessee, Volek 16-28-0-175, D.Johnson 2-50-42.

2-5-0-42. Two a wee-v-1/s, D.Johnson Receiving —Detroit Bryson 9-63, Alexander 6-66, R.Williams 4-62, Swinton 3-25, Vines 2-40, Schlesinger 2-23, Kircus 2-18, Fitzsimmons 1-5. Tennessee, Trouge 4-75, Mason 4-48, A.Smith 3-16, Fleming 3-12, Bennett 2-50, Berlin 1-11, Kinney 1-5. Missed field goal—Tennessee, Anderson 27 (BL).

Packers 31, Bears 14

Green Bay 7 21 3 0-31 Chicago 7 0 7 0-14 First Quarter
Chi—T. Jones 2 run (Edinger kick), 12:54.
GB—Franks 17 pass from Favre (Longwkick), 3:22.

GB-Framis 17 pass from Favre (Longweit kick), 322. Second Quarter GB-Henderson 38 pass from Favre (Long-well kick), 1316. GB-Sharper 43 interception return (Long-well kick), 1152. GB-Walker 25 pass from Nall (Longwell kick), 614.

cick), 6:14.

Third Quarter

Chi—T.Jones 1 run (Edinger kick), 5:48.
GB—FG Longwell 20, :41.

	GB	Chi		
First downs	17	17		
Total Net Yards	387	246		
Rushes-yards	30-60	27-110		
Passing	327	136		
Punt Returns	3-4	2-31		
Kickoff Returns	3-59			
Interceptions Ret.	1-43	0-0		
Comp-Att-Int	16-26-0	20-29-1		
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	9-60		
Punts	5-37.2	6-37.5		
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0		
Penalties-Yards	5-35	4-29		
Time of Possession	28:51	31:09		
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS				

Rushing-Green Bay, Fisher 19-42, Green
4-13, NaII-9, Luchey 3-7, O'Sullivan 2-(minus 9).

Passing-Green Bay, Fisher 19-42, Green
4-13, NaII-9, Luchey 3-7, O'Sullivan 2-(minus 9).

Passing-Green Bay, Favre 9-13-0-196, NaII
130-513. Chicago, Hutchirson 2-29-1-196.

Receiving-Green Bay, Favre 9-13-0-196, NaII
130-513. Chicago, Hutchirson 2-29-1-196.

Receiving-Green 1-22, Chatman 1-12. Chicago, Terrell 4-99, Wade 4-27, Clark 3-20,

Jones 3-4, Berrian 2-23, Lyman 1-13. McKlee

ssed field goals—None.

Ravens 30, Dolphins 23

Miami 7 0 14 2-23 Baltimore 7 13 10 0-30 Mia—Chambers 76 pass from Rosenfels (Mare kick), 14:44. Bal—Jones 1 pass from Boller (Stover

Bal-Jones kick), 11:26. Second Quarter Bal-FG Stover 25, 7:57. Ral-J.Johnson 6 Interception return (Stover kick), 7:08. Bal—FG Stover 19, :08. Bal—J.Lewis 2 run (Stover kick), 11:24.

Mia-Welker 95 kickoff return (Mare kick).

Mia Bal 18 21 345 332 20-97 41-90 248 142 3-28 2-32 8-237 4-78 0-0 3-48 16-38-3 14-27-0 First downs Total Net Yards Rushes-yards Passing Punt Returns Kickoff Returns Interceptions Ret. Comp-Att-Int Sacked-Yards Lost 3-16 0-0 5-34.6 6-38.7 2-0 2-0 5-50 6-50 26:55 33:05 Punts Fumbles-Lost Penalties-Yards

Penalties-Yards Time of Possecol

ones 1-1. **Missed field goal—Miami,** Mare 53 (WR). Steelers 29, Bills 24

Pittsburgh 10 6 0 13–29 Buffalo First Quarter Pit—FG Reed 22, 10-44 Buf—McGahee 3 run (Lindell kick), 6:14. Pit—Randle EI 16 pass from Maddox (Reed kick), 3:28.

Kick), 3:28. Second Quarter
Pit—FG Reed 21, 13:39.
Pit—FG Reed 31, 4:22.
Buf—FG Lindell 37, 103.
Third Quarter
Buf—Clements 30 interception return (Lindell kick), 12:31.

Pittle Buf 15 16 262 267 43-157 20-96 43-157 20-96 171 2-31 2-31 2-15 3-18 3-46.0 6-44.7 2-15 3-18 3-46.0 6-44.7 2-1 3-2 7-40 12-108 35:03 24:57 STATISTICS First downs Total Net Yards Total Net Yards
Rushes-yards
Passing
Punt Returns
Kickoff Returns
Interceptions Ret.
Comp-Att-int
Sacked-Yards Lost

| 2460 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 | 6445 |

St. as Pierre 10-1-0-0. Buffato, Dieussel 16-30-1-188. Receiving —Pittsburgh, Randle El 7-81. Ward 2-11, Parker 2-4, Mays 1-24. Buffato Alken 4-52, Moulds 4-37, Neufeld 3-15, Evans-2-63, Trafford 1-10, McGahee 1-7, Shelford 1-5 Missed field goal—Buffato, Lindell 28 (WR)

Rams 32. Jets 29 (OT)

NY, Jets 3 7 16 3 0 –29 St. Louis First Quarter St. Louis First Quarter St.—Grue 7 1.13. The Second Quarter St.—Grue 27 pass from Budger (Wilkins McQ., 4:14. St.—Holt 44 pass from Budger (Wilkins McQ., 4:14. St.—Holt 44 pass from Budger (Wilkins McQ., 1:19. Thub.

ick), 1:00. Third Quarter StL—Jackson 20 run (Wilkins kick), 13:30. NYJ—Cotchery 94 kickoff return (Brie NYJ—FG Brien 33, 9:56. NYJ—Vilma 38 interception return (pass failed), 1:12.

Fourth Quarter
StL—Holt 19 pass from Bulger (Jackson run). 5:06. NY I_EG Brian 27 +03

Overtin StL-FG Wilkins 31, 3:02 A-65,877.

NYJ StL 22 21 324 479 39-180 19-47 144 432 2-5 1-5 5-196 8-164 2-39 0-16 Total Net Yards Rushes-yards Passing
Punt Returns
Kickoff Returns
Interceptions Ret.
Comp-Att-Int
Sacked-Yards Lost

Seahawks 28, Falcons 26

7 10 0 9-26 7 7 7 7-28 Atl—Price 2 pass from Vick (Feely kick), 6:19.
Sea—Alexander 1 run (J.Brown kick), 3:06.
Second Quarter

Ati-FG Feely 33, 8:32. Ati-D.Hali 48 interception return (Feely Atl-D/Iail 4s interception return (Feel)
(EC), 655.c. 6x3. 3 pass from Hasselbeck
(LBrown lick), 3:24.

CBrown lick), 3:24.

Fourth Quarter
(LBrown lick), 7:32 pass from Hasselbeck
(LBrown lick), 7:32 pass from Schalb (run
falled), 6-45.740.

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First downs Total Net Yards Rushes-yards Passing Punt Returns Atl Sea 22 21 353 253 38-204 21-83 149 170 2-0 0-0 4-75 4-75 1-48 1-31 20-29-1 21-27-1 3-18 4-21 2-31.0 4-33.5 1-0 0-0 8-52 1-5 Kickoff Returns Interceptions Ret. Comp-Att-Int Sacked-Yards Lost Punts 1:54 25:0

Rushing—Atlanta, Dunn 25-132, Duckett 8-52, Vick 3-13, Schaub 2-7, Seattle, Alex-ander 19-80, Strong 1-2, Hasselbeck 1-1. Passing—Atlanta, Vick 6-7-0-35, Schaub 14-22-1-132. Seattle, Hasselbeck 21-27-1-191. 14-22-1-132. Seattle, Hasselbeck 21-27-1-191. Receiving—Atlanta, Price 7-46, Finneran 3-45, Dunn 3-19, McCrary 2-23, Jenkins 2-8, Duckett 1-11, White 1-9, Layne 1-6. Seattle, Engram 6-79, Mili 3-37, Jackson 3-18, Alex-ander 2-15, Hannam 2-14, Stevens 2-14, Strong 2-8, Morris 1-6. Missed field goal—Atlanta, Feely 39 (WL).

Cardinals 12. Buccaneers 7

First Ouarter Ari—FG Rackers 40, 5:06.

Second Quarter
Ari—FG Rackers 45, 5:03.

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Broncos earn rematch with Colts

BY EDDIE PELLS The Associated Press

DENVER - The Indianapolis Colts put their 'B' team on the field and left Peyton Man-

ning and Edgerrin James on the sideline. The Denver Broncos took advantage with a 33-14 victory Sunday and earned a dubious reward: A trip to Indy for the playoffs to face the Colts at full strength.

"If we were going to have Peyton and our whole group out there, then we wanted to use everything we had," Colts coach Tony Dungy said. "We weren't going to do that if we were going to have to play these guys again.

Jake Plummer threw for 246 yards and two touchdowns as Denver (10-6) earned the AFC's final wild-card spot, and a rematch next Sunday in which Manning will almost certainly throw more than the two passes he attempted in this game.

The teams also met last year in the first round, and the Colts (12-4) embarrassed the Broncos 41-10

"I called that 'The Scene of the Crime,' because they stole our season from us there, and they did it in a big way," Broncos receiver Rod Smith said. The Colts came into this game locked into

the third seed in the AFC playoffs and knowing a rematch with Denver was very possible They had nothing to play for, and acted accordingly.

Manning played just one series, finishing

the regular season with the same NFL-record 49 touchdowns he entered the week with

"It's not something you want to get used to," Manning said. "I'd rather be out there playinσ

He wasn't alone

James also played just the first series, running once for minus-2 yards. The Colts started three rookies in their defensive backfield and Plummer took advantage, writing a nice closing chapter to a difficult regular season in which he took every snap.

His 246 yards gave him 4,089 for the season, surpassing John Elway (1993) for the single-season franchise record. His two touchdowns, including a 38-yard, over-the-shoulder catch by Ashley Lelie, gave Plummer 27 for the season, which tied Elway for the team

"I've never been about stats," Plummer said. "I'm really happy to be back in the playoffs."

Meanwhile, Plummer avoided any interceptions and finished the year with 20, many of which cost the Broncos dearly in a wildly inconsistent season.

By going 1-for-2. Manning finished the year with a 121.1 passer rating, easily breaking Steve Young's record. "I never thought that record would be bro-

ken," said Broncos coach Mike Shanahan, who was with the 49ers the year Young set the mark

With the record secure and his afternoon



Indianapolis Colts defenders Anthony Floyd, left, and Jason David, back, break up a pass intended for Denver Broncos wide reciever Jason Lelie (85) on Sunday.

over, Manning stood on the sideline with the headphones on and watched rookie Jim Sorgi lead the Colts

Sorgi (16-for-25, 168 vards, two touchdowns) completed his first seven passes and led Indy on a 56-yard drive for an early 7-0

Jaguars' early season blunders prove costly

OAKLAND, Calif. - The Jacksonville Jaguars believe their season ended too soon, and a shutout loss in the second-to-last week will haunt them for the rest of the winter

The Jaguars did their part to try to reach the postseason by beating the Oakland Raiders 13-6 on Sunday, but their fate was decided minutes before their game ended when the Indianapolis Colts lost in



Denver. It wouldn't have come to this had Jacksonville not been blanked

by Houston on Dec. 26. "There's no doubt we would have been in the playoffs if we would have beaten Houston and won here," cornerback Rashean Mathis said, referring to the 21-0

loss to the Texans.

If they could take something positive from Sunday it was that the Jaguars recorded their first winning season in five years.

Still, this club hoped to continue its season because Jacksonville will host its first Super Bowl next month

"That kind of put a downer on the day," coach Jack Del Rio said after learning his team was eliminated while in the tunnel that leads to the locker room. "I didn't see anything on the board during the game.'

Byron Leftwich threw for 149 vards a week after sustaining a mild concussion, barely outplaying Oakland counterpart Kerry Collins, and Greg Jones scored o a 1-yard run for the game's only touchdown to break a third-quar-

The Raiders had a chance to



Jacksonville Jaguars cornerback Rashean Mathis, right, intercepts a nass intended for Oakland Raiders' Alvis Whitted on Sunday.

send the game into overtime in the final seconds, but Collins fumbled the snap on fourth-and-goal at the 2, picked it up and was tackled for a loss.

"It's disappointing," Raiders coach Norv Turner said. "We had so many chances to win the game and, at the end, to tie the football game and put it into overtime, but we just couldn't get it done.'

By beating the Raiders in the teams' first meeting since 1997 the Jaguars (9-7) established a winning road record for the first time since the '99 season when they went 14-2, including 7-1 away from home.

"Our season has been disappointing," Leftwich said.

The Raiders understand. They are just 9-23 in two seasons since reaching the Super Bowl.

"Guys have to make plays. Guys have to really commit themselves as to what it is they really want to do," Oakland running back Tyrone Wheatley said. "The last two years here, we've had some guvs who think they can just line up on Sunday and play football.

"It doesn't work that way. You have to commit yourself and stop thinking that your job is a sacri-

Collins up-and-down season with a statistically disastrous finale: three interceptions, one lost fumble, no touchdowns and a 17.3 passer rat-

Donovin Darius intercented two passes by Collins, including one in the end zone with 4:07 left "I made some stupid throws

and some stupid decisions, things that hurt us," Collins said. Zack Crockett had a big day for Oakland (5-11), which finished the team's flop a year ago that led to the firing of coach Bill Callah-

Crockett, a career short-yardage man, carried 11 straight times in the fourth quarter and finished with 22 for a career-high 134 yards — his most rushing at-tempts since the 2002 season finale against Kansas City.

Chargers 24, Chiefs 17: The Chargers rested Pro Bowlers Drew Brees, LaDainian Tomlinson and Antonio Gates as well as defensive tackle Jamal Williams and still had too much for visiting Kansas City (7-9), which had a winning four-game streak

snapped. Kansas City's Tony Gonzalez set an NFL record for tight ends with 102 catches, six more than Ben Coates' total in 1994. Gonzalez's 14 catches for 144 yards set a club mark, surpassing the 12 by Ed Podolak in 1973.

Trent Green had four passes intercented.

Cardinals 12 Ruccaneers 7: Neil Rackers kicked four field goals and the host Cardinals (6-10) stifled Tampa Bay (5-11), handing the Buccaneers their worst record since going 5-11 in

Giants 28, Cowboys 24: Tiki Barber became the Giants' career rushing leader and scored the winning points on a 3-yard run with 11 seconds to play. Eli Manning also threw three touchdown passes in his first NFL victory as the Giants (6-10) snapped an eight-game losing streak.

Barber set the Giants' season (1,518 yards) and career (6,927) rushing records in the game, surpassing marks held by Joe Morris in 1986) and Rodney Hampton (6,897, 1990-97).



Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre celebrates after throwing his second touchdown pass of the day on Sunday against the Bears.

Packers focus on holding momentum

BY ARNIE STAPLETON

GREEN BAY, Wis. — The Green Bay Packers and Minnesota Vikings are a lot alike.

Both have prolific passing games and suspect secondaries to put on display Sunday at Lambeau Field, when the NFC North rivals face each other for the first time in the postseason

What separates these two evenly matched teams? "A field goal," Packers coach Mike Sherman deadpanned. "Both games. A last-second field goal."

ast-second field goal."
That, and momentum.
The Packers (10-6) enter the

playoffs as the NFC's hottest playoff team, having won nine of 11. They also beat the Vikings twice by 34-31.

Minnesota (8-8) backslides into the playoffs having lost seven of 10.

The Vikings insist everybody's 0-0 now and the regular season doesn't matter. The Packers believe their emotional punch will make a difference come kickoff.

That's why Sherman played most of his starters for much of the time Sunday in the Packers' 31-14 win at Chicago even though the game meant nothing for playoff positioning.

"My biggest fear was to leave here laying an egg," he said. That would have meant more

That would have meant more practice time this week focusing on the negative rather than the positive.

"You don't want to come out here and stink it up and then try to come back next week and act like you're all good," tight end Bubba Franks said.

That's what the Vikings have to do this week after losing at Washington 21-18 on Sunday.

The Packers don't enter the

playoffs on quite the roll they did a year ago, when they won four straight. But Sherman feels just as good about their chances for success this year.

"I feel good about this team. I feel very good about the fact we beat the Bears yesterday," Sherman said. "If we had lost that game — you know, everybody worries about the physical part of the game and having the players ready physically, but I think the psychological part, the psyche the players, is equally important.

"And when you lose a game, it affects you. They read about how they lost the ballgame, they hear about how they lost the ballgame. Then you have to go win again."

The players liked Sherman's approach to the regular-season fina-

"Any regular-season game, regardless of your situation, to me is important," quarter-back Brett Favre said. "I look at Denver last year when they played us. They had just beat landy the week before and sat most of their gusand didn't play all that well. I don't think they gave it much effort and then they went back the next week and got crushed by Indiananolis." in the playoffs.

"I just think that the morale is better. I don't see any plusses in not playing the game to win."

Right tackle Mark Tauscher said there wasn't a choice. "I don't think we're in a position where we can rest on our laurels," he said. "Our laurels weren't that strong."

Favre might have thrown for 4,000 yards and 30 touchdowns again, but the defense allowed 33 scoring passes and managed just eight interceptions, both team futility records.

And the Packers needed any feel-good moments they could

Seahawks clinch NFC West, get another shot at St. Louis

BY TIM KORTE
The Associated Press

SEATTLE — The Seattle Seahawks have one more shot to knock off the St. Louis Rams — this time it'll come in the wild-card playoffs.

"We felt like we let one, for sure, get away from us," Seattle cornerback Ken Lucas said of the earlier meetings this season. "Then we went to their place and they took care of business. We get another chance to redeem ourselves. We feel we can do that next week?"

The Seahawks (9-7) will be home for Saturday's opening round of the playoffs because they edged the Rams (8-8) by one game for the NFC West title.

Matt Hasselbeck threw two touchdown passes and got another TD on a sneak, leading Seattle to a 28-26 win over the Atlanta Falcons on Sunday, a victory that locked up the division title and assured a home same for the rematch with the Rams.

"We know what kind of team they are," Seahawks cornerback Marcus Trufant said. "They are a big-play type of team. They pass the ball all over the place and they are a good team."

Had the Seahawks lost to Atlanta (11-5), they would have traveled to St. Louis next weekend.

Seattle's defense has been vulnerable to huge collapses this season, perhaps none more dramatic than an Oct. 10 meltdown. St.

Louis erased a 27-10 deficit in the fourth quarter in Seattle and won 33-27 in overtime.

Then came a 43-39 loss to Dallas, where the Seahawks blew a 39-29 lead

They could have done it again against the Falcons, but they didn't. Warrick Dunn was smothered by a collection of Seattle defenders on a 2-point conver-

sion attempt that would have forced overtime but instead ended the game.

"I knew I wasn't in," Dunn said.

Atlanta reserve quarterback Matt Schaub threw a 3-yard TD pass to Brian Finneran as time expired. The game's final drive covered 69 yards and consumed 4:28, and it seemed for a moment that maybe the Seahawks might fold again.

Not this time, though

"it's a testament to where we have come from," rookie safety Michael Boulware said. "Earlier in the season, we've lost those and now we're starting to win them. Hopefully, we can carry that into the playoffs and build on it."

Seattle's Shaun Alexander ran for 80 yards, finishing 1 yard behind Curtis Martin of the New York Jets (1.697) for the NFL's rushing title.

"I didn't know. It would have been sweet to get it. I feel worse because we had a quarterback sneak for a touchdown. That hurts, but I'll be all right," Alexander joked, speaking though a big smile.

It was a meaningless game for Atlanta, which lost its final two after securing the NFC's No. 2 seed in the playoffs two weeks ago.

The Falcons get a first-round bye next weekend. Schaub almost helped the Falcons win anyway. On third-and-goal from the 3, Schaub found Finne-

ran on a crossing route at the back of the end zone. "I knew there wasn't another second to be squeezed out of that clock," Seahawks coach Mike

Holmgren said.

That set up the 2-point conversion try. Schaub rolled left and handed off for a counter play to Dunn, who almost got across the goal line before he was eneulfed by linebacker Chad Brown and a pile

"It was huge. It won the game for us," Brown said.

Steelers proud of not letting up

BY ALAN ROBINSON The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Steelers' players had the day off Monday, and perhaps the only surprise was some backups didn't offer to help the staff wash the iersevs or clean up the locker

room.
After all, the Steelers' backups proved all season that every play, every possession, every practice, every game — even a seemingly meaningless game Sunday in Burfalo — is important to them. Sometimes just getting onto the field was their biggest challenge, so no

opportunity could be squandered. That's why the Steelers took saisfaction from their 29-24 victory in Buffalo, and not just because they completed the first 15-1 season in team history or established themselves as the team to beat in the playoffs.

Rather, they took pride in the fact that on a weekend when some elite teams. — namely, Philadelphia and Indianapolis — were being smacked around in meaningless games they may have approached casually, the Steelers had no letdown against a desperhad no letdown against a desper-

Meaningless? These Steelers don't seem to know the meaning of the word.

"We came out to win the game, we didn't come here to lay down and let those guys run over us," wide receiver Antwaan Randle El said. "We came in to get a win."

The Steelers' mindset was established weeks ago, when key



Pittsburgh Steelers' James Harrison (92) celebrates his fumble recovery and touchdown with Alonzo Jackson (95)

starters such as defensive lineman Casey Hampton, cornerback Chad Scott and, yes, quarterback Tommy Maddox went down with injuries.

Even when players with no NFL experience such as defensive lineman Chris Hoke, linebacker James Harrison and a rookie quarterback named Ben Roethlisberger stepped in, their coach and their teammates made

it clear no letdown was expected.
So far, there hasn't been. The
Steelers' 14-game winning streak
matches that of the 1972 Maint
Dolphins for the longest in any
NFL regular season, and they are
only the fourth NFL team to go
15-1 since the 16-game schedule
was adopted in 1976. No team has

gone 16-0.

Coach Bill Cowher preached all home-field advantage and a first-round bye clinched, he expected to win in Buffalo. His players quickly picked up on the message and, unlike letdowns that occurred in similar situations late in the Steelers' 1994, 1996, 1997 and 2001 seasons, played as if it were

any other game.

Even if it wasn't their regular lineup; they ended the game with only two starters on defense and a couple of starting linemen on offense.

"It says a lot about the backups and the character of this team," said Harrison, who filled in for injured Clark Haggans. "It's not really that much of a dropoff when we have other guys step in, and we didn't want to see a dropoff in production."

The Steelers' mindset appeared to differ greatly from that of the Eagles, who, only two weeks ago, had a 13-1 record to match Pittsburgh's. Since then, the Steelers defeated Baltimore (20-7) and Buffalo by a combined 49-31, while the Eagles were outscored 58-17 in losses to Cincinati (38-10) and St. Louis (20-7).

One reason why Cowher sought to avoid a letdown was it has been a half-season since the Steelers beat previously undefeated New England and Philadelphia in consecutive games. In the eight weeks since, they've played only one playoff team, the New York Lot.

"We recognize now the real journey begins for those rings," Cowher said.

owner said.

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Stoudemire 'looked like Wilt' in scoring 50 against Portland,

Lose . . . and they're in?

Vikings, Jets reach playoffs despite defeats; others win but aren't so lucky

BY DAVE GOLDBERG

The Associated Press

The Jets, Vikings and Rams made it into the NFL playoffs Sunday.

the NFL playoffs Sunday.

The way they played, they might be out in a week.

New York and Minnesota backed in, the Vikings losing seven of their last 10 for the second straight season. The Jets lost 32-29 in overtime at the Rams, and the Vikings lost 21-18 at the Redskins.

But the Jets, who went 5-6 after starting 5-0, got in as an AFC wild card. And Minnesota and St. Louis both qualified in the NFC at 8-8, the second time that's happened; Dallas and Detroit were .500 playoff teams in 1999.

It all meant that the NFC's hottest team got left out of the postseason.

That was New Orleans, which won its last four games, three on the road, including a 21-18 victory at the Carolina Panthers on Sunday to finish 8-8. Carolina, which lost to New England in the last Super Bowl, won five straight games after starting 1-7, but finished 7-9 and missed the playoffs after losing two of its last three games.

"It's a shame ... we don't get a chance to show off what we can do in the playoffs," said New Orleans coach Jim Haslett, who may have saved his job with the late run.

Buffalo, which had won six straight, blew a chance to make the playoffs by losing 29-24 at home to Pittsburgh, even though the Steelers rested many starters. With the Jets losing, the Bills (9-7) would have made the playoffs with a victory.

The Vikings will play Sunday afternoon at Green Bay (10-6), to whom they have lost twice by the same score — 34-31 at Lambeau Field on Nov. 14 and at the Metrodome on Dec. 24.

The Rams will be at Seattle on Saturday to open the wild-card round.

The Seahawks (9-7) clinched the NFC West by holding off Atlanta 28-26 Sunday. But the Rams won both meetings this season, coming back from 17 points down with six minutes left in regulation to win in Seattle 33-27 in overtime. Then they won in St. Louis 23-12.

The Jets will play at the AFC West champion San Diego Chargers (12-4) on Saturday as the fifth-seeded team. The Chargers beat Kansas City 24-17 on Sunday with backups.

New York beat the Chargers 34-28 in the second week of the season, but that was be-





fore San Diego came together to win 10 of the last 12 games that meant anything. AFC South champion Indianapolis (124) will be at home Sunday in a rematch against Denver (10-6), which got in by beating the Colts 33-14 as Indy rested Peyton Manning, Edgerrin James and most of its record-setting offense.

The top seedings in each conference were set before Sunday.

In the AFC, North champ Pittsburgh

(15-1) and East champ New England (14-2) will host second-round games the weekend of Jan. 15 and 16. Both won Sunday despite using backups; the Patriots beat San Francisco 21-7. In the NFC, East winner Philadelphia

in the NTC, East Winner Pinlauceiping (13-3) earned the top seeding, and South winner Atlanta is No. 2. The Eagles clinched home-field advantage throughout the conference playoffs two weeks ago, then lost their final two games with back-







The teams with byes traditionally advance. But this has been a wacky season, especially in the NFC.

Minnesota, for example, ended up 8-8 after starting 5-1. Last year, the Vikings finished 9-7 on a last-second play in Arizona and missed the playoffs.

So, maybe making it with a loss will change things.

change things.
"This team's going to drive me crazy,"
said Mike Tice, in the playoffs for the first
time in his third full season as head coach.

"You spend the whole week trying to make sure they understand that you don't want to get yourself too worked up or too uptight, and you don't want to go out and play like you can't make a mistake. When you play like that, you go out and make mistakes."

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